

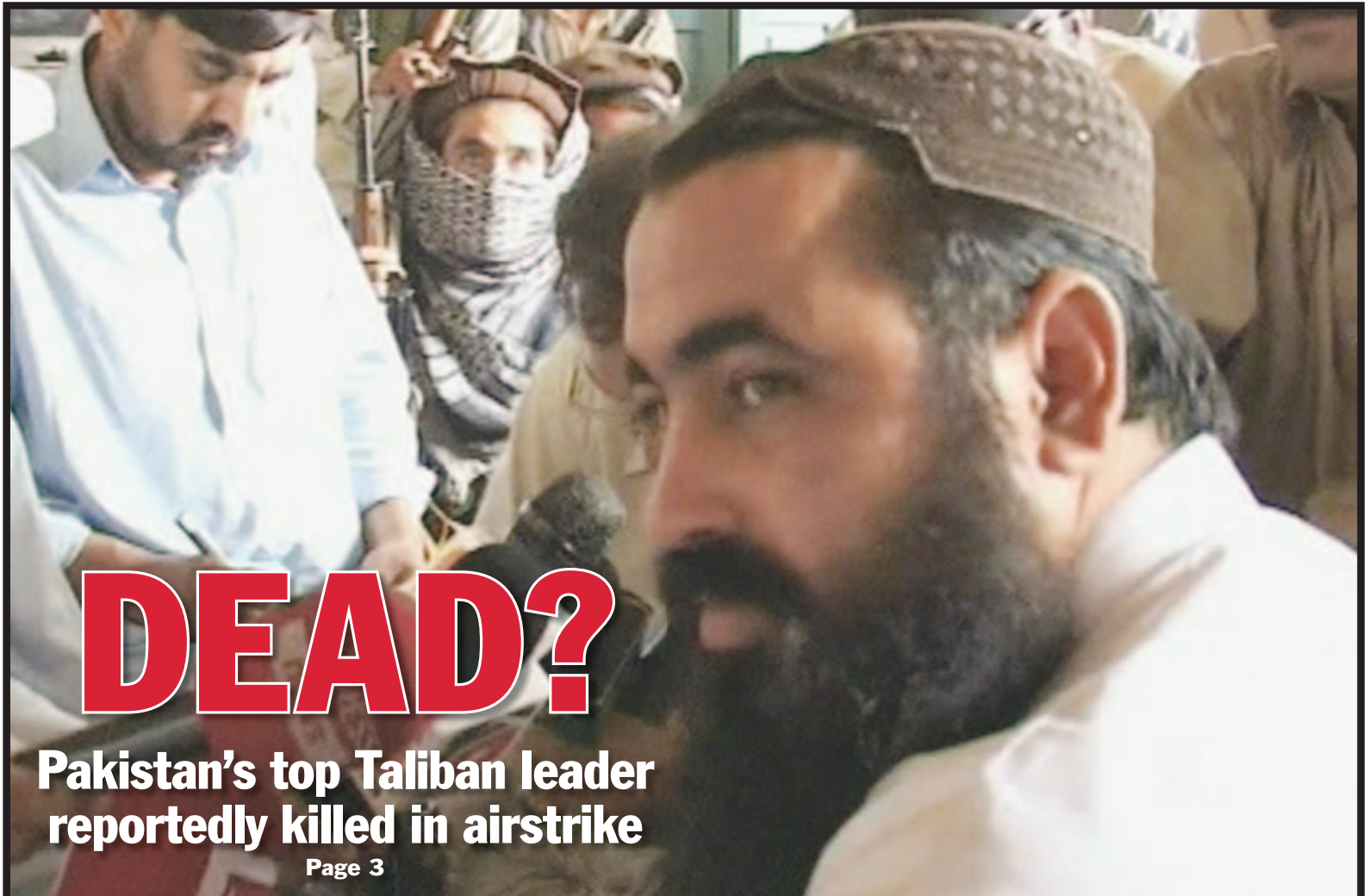
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## Pakistan's top Taliban leader reportedly killed in airstrike

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Pakistan's top Taliban leader, Baitullah Mehsud, talks to the media last year in Kotkai, a village in the tribal area along the Afghan border. Mehsud, who led a violent campaign of suicide attacks and assassinations against the Pakistani government, was killed in a U.S. missile strike Wednesday, according to a Taliban commander and aide to Mehsud.

## Kicking the nicotine habit no easy task for military

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN  
*Stars and Stripes*

Calls for a ban on tobacco use in the military — a habit that medical experts say saps servicemember health and drains billions in public dollars annually — are growing loud this summer, but the fate of any new regulation is uncertain at best.

In June, the nonprofit Institute of Medicine recommended a phased-in ban across the Department of Defense after the institute completed a study requested by the DOD. When the institute's recommendations were released, the American Lung Association said the U.S. military should establish a historic tobacco ban much like it moved to end racial segregation and to accept women.

But America might not be ready for



such landmark change. A shift in national attitudes and rules about tobacco might be needed to make a DOD-wide ban realistic, said Dr. Jack Smith, acting deputy assistant secretary of defense for clinical and program policy.

Smith and others in the DOD say they worry such a big change could hurt military recruitment efforts.

"Tobacco, for better or worse, is a legal substance," said Smith, who is reviewing the Institute of Medicine study.

A ban would be "radically different than society as a whole."

The DOD will consider the tobacco recommendations — including immediate bans for new officers and enlisted personnel enforced by urine testing — when it convenes its Medical and Personnel Council in a few months, Smith said.

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## Bring out the BIG GUNS

Artillerymen get back to basics

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Food and fun on tap at annual fan festival

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51 killed in attacks across Iraq

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"We want Saddam back.  
You could do anything during  
Saddam's time."**

—Ala al-Kanini, patron at a Baghdad tobacco store, on Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's proposal to ban smoking in public. Iraq officials are also weighing initiatives to prohibit or more tightly regulate alcohol sales.

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# The bunker busters



Soldiers from Battery A, Fires Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment set up an M-777 howitzer at Grafenwöhr Training Area in Germany on Monday.

SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

## Used as infantry in Iraq, artillerymen train to get back to their old jobs

By SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

VILSECK, Germany — Artillerymen who have spent years training and fighting as infantry in Iraq are returning to traditional roles as the Army shifts its focus to the Afghan fight.

In Iraq, where the enemy has engaged U.S. forces with roadside bombs and small arms in built-up areas, there has been little use for large artillery pieces that are best suited to destroy tanks and blast apart bunkers. Many of the artillerymen deployed to Iraq left their big guns at home, converted to motorized infantry, and were charged with conducting raids and patrols alongside regular troops.

In Afghanistan, though, it's a

different story.

There, artillery still plays a vital role in supporting troops in skirmishes against the Taliban in a vast, rugged landscape. When insurgent attacks fall outside mortar range, commanders call for the howitzers.

During a stop at Forward Operating Base Fortress in May, then-U.S. Forces Afghanistan Command Sgt. Maj. Iuniasolua Savusa gathered soldiers around a 105 mm howitzer that troops said had been fired 2,348 times in just a few months.

As a result of the military's shift in focus to Afghanistan, gunners from the Vilseck-based 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment — including some who haven't fired a howitzer in years — are relearning old skills that they one day might use in Afghanistan but didn't use in Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Bruce Wiles, a section chief with Battery A, Fires Squadron, 2nd Cav, stood in a grassy field near Vilseck on Monday helping other artillerymen set up one of his unit's new light-weight M-777 howitzers.

"Artillery would be our main mission if and when we deploy to Afghanistan," he said. "We'd actually be doing our job."

The last time the 27-year-old Peru, Ind., native fired a big gun was 5½ years ago, when the M-777 was still in development.

Battery A spent 2nd Cav's last deployment to Iraq, from 2007 to 2008, rolling like infantry in Humvees and Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles, he said.

To get used to firing artillery again, the battery will spend the next two weeks blasting targets inside Grafenwöhr Training Area.

Another Battery A section chief, Staff Sgt. Shawn Jones, 27, of Beckley, W.Va., said some artillerymen in the unit are new soldiers. Others haven't used the M-777, which uses digital targeting to shoot farther and faster than any of its predecessors.

"Maybe they've fired an M-198 [howitzer], but not a 777," he said.

The Fires Squadron recently received 18 M-777s, which can hit targets up to 18 miles away and is lighter and easier to place and remove from the battlefield than its predecessor, the M-198, he said. A single M-777 battery, which typically has six howitzers, can cover 5,000 square kilometers of battle space.

"In Afghanistan, they can be sling-loaded onto a Chinook helicopter to do air assault missions," Jones said, adding that the guns also fire the super-accurate GPS-guided Excalibur round.

The Excalibur, which drops directly onto a target at a 90-degree angle, minimizes collateral damage, including civilian casualties, because it is less likely to strike surrounding buildings on its way to the target, Jones said. The Excalibur also is designed to disarm itself and fly to a safe landing zone if it loses its GPS signal in flight, he added.

Those traits are particularly important considering Gen. Stanley McChrystal, commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, issued a directive last month to avoid civilian casualties.

Once the 2nd Cavalry artillerymen have done initial training on the M-777s, they will loan them to the 173rd Airborne Brigade, which has yet to receive its own.

The airborne soldiers use the M-777s when they deploy to Afghanistan later this year, Wiles said.

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## Correction

July 28 and Aug. 2 stories about military housing on Okinawa should have stated that 11,900 single and married servicemembers live in 7,119 off-base rental units.

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# Taliban chief in Pakistan reportedly killed



**Pakistan Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud talks to the media in Kotkai, a village in the Pakistani tribal area along the Afghan border, on May 24, 2008. An aide to Mehsud said he was killed in a U.S. missile strike.**

By ISHTIAQ MAHSUD  
AND MUNIR AHMAD  
*The Associated Press*

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan — Pakistan's Taliban commander, Baitullah Mehsud, who unleashed a fearsome campaign of suicide attacks and assassinations that made him the country's most-wanted man, was killed in a U.S. missile strike, an aide said Friday.

The U.S. put a \$5 million bounty on his head in March. Increasingly, American missiles fired by unmanned drones have focused on Mehsud-related targets.

While his demise would be a major boost to Pakistani and U.S. efforts to eradicate the Taliban and al-Qaida, it won't necessarily deal a definitive blow because he has deputies who could take his place.

Already, Taliban commanders were meeting Friday in a shura, or council, in the lawless tribal area of South Waziristan to choose his successor, according to intelligence and militant officials who spoke on

condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter. It was unclear when they would reach a decision.

Considered by Pakistan to be its top internal threat, Mehsud had al-Qaida connections and was suspected in the assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

Pakistani and U.S. intelligence officials said the CIA was behind the strike Wednesday that killed Mehsud. All spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter.

Pakistan publicly opposes the missile strikes, saying they anger local tribes and make it harder for the army to operate. Still, many analysts suspect the two countries have a secret deal allowing them.

In June, Pakistan said it was launching an operation against Mehsud in South Waziristan. But although airstrikes began, the offensive never went full-scale. In the meantime, the U.S. missile strikes continued, increasingly targeting Mehsud and raising speculation that the Pakistanis

were hoping — or even coordinating with — the Americans to kill Mehsud first.

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said intelligence showed Mehsud had been killed in his father-in-law's house in Pakistan's lawless tribal area, and authorities would travel to the site to verify his death.

"I confirm that Baitullah Mehsud and his wife died in the American missile attack in South Waziristan," Taliban commander Kafayat Ullah told The Associated Press by telephone. He would not elaborate.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the administration could not confirm the death of Mehsud. "There seems to be a growing consensus among credible observers that he is indeed dead," he said, adding that if he is dead, "without a doubt, the people of Pakistan will be safer as a result."

For years, the U.S. considered Mehsud a lesser threat because most of his attacks were focused inside Pakistan, not against U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan.

## 51 killed in 2nd-deadliest day since Iraq turnover

By KIM GAMEL  
*The Associated Press*

BAGHDAD — A suicide truck bomber flattened a Shiite mosque Friday in northern Iraq and roadside bombs struck Shiite pilgrims in Baghdad as at least 51 people were killed and scores wounded nationwide.

It was the second-deadliest day since U.S. forces turned over urban security to the Iraqis more than a month ago, raising fears that Sunni insurgents are intensifying a campaign to reignite sectarian violence.

The blast in a northern suburb of Mosul reduced the mosque and several nearby houses to rubble, leaving scores of worshippers and neighbors trapped underneath.

At least 38 people were killed and some 200 wounded, according to police.

The attack targeted a mosque used by members of the minority Shiite Turkomen community in the northern city, which the U.S. has dubbed the last urban stronghold of al-Qaida in Iraq.

Witnesses said the explosives were hidden in white bags usually used to transport grain.

The governor of the surrounding Ninevah province, Atheel al-

Nujaifi, said many of the wounded were in critical condition. He blamed Iraqi security forces for failing to secure the area on the northern outskirts of Mosul.

Roadside bombs also targeted Shiite pilgrims returning from the holy city of Karbala, where hundreds of thousands of followers converged to celebrate the birth of the 12th Shiite imam.

The first bomb targeted a minibus ferrying pilgrims to Baghdad's main Shiite district of Sadr City, killing at least four people and wounding eight, according to police and hospital officials.

Two nearly simultaneous bombs that exploded later near the Shaab stadium in eastern Baghdad killed three pilgrims and wounded 13 others as they were walking home to Sadr City, said another police official.

Hours later, an explosive-laden motorcycle blew up as a police patrol passed by near people lined up to buy bread at a bakery in a mainly Sunni neighborhood in Baghdad, killing at least six people — including three policemen — and injuring 30, officials said.

The Security Council voted unanimously on Friday to extend the U.N. civilian mission in Iraq.



KARIM KADIM/AP

**Iraqi policemen secure the scene of a roadside bomb blast that hit a minibus carrying Shiite pilgrims in Sadr City in Baghdad on Friday.**

## Proposed ban on public smoking in Iraq upsets citizens

By ERNESTO LONDONO  
*The Washington Post*

BAGHDAD — This is a country of frazzled nerves and nicotine, where deals are struck and conspiracy theories hatched in the smokiest of rooms.

So why in the world, Iraqis demanded Thursday, would the government introduce a plan to ban smoking in public?

Smoking is widespread in the region, and few countries have taken steps toward a ban. Jordan and Israel prohibit smoking in public places, and Qatar has a ban

on indoor smoking in public places, though it is loosely enforced.

But a bill being presented to the Iraqi parliament by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's Cabinet would rewrite rules in a way that many Iraqis who were interviewed described as inconceivable, by banning smoking in government buildings and public indoor areas.

"We have no electricity, no jobs, people still get killed," said Waleed Habba, 49, as he bought a pack of cigarettes at a tobacco store in downtown Baghdad. "We all have to deal with anger issues

here. That's the reason people smoke here, to run away from that."

"We want Saddam back," said Ala al-Kanini, a patron at the store, referring to the late Iraqi leader. "You could do anything during Saddam's time."

The proposal appears to reflect the government's desire to shake off Iraq's image as a battle-ravaged, lawless country as it seeks to woo foreign investors and latch onto the global economy. Iraqi officials are also weighing initiatives to regulate the Internet and satellite television channels to ban

pornography and prohibit or more tightly regulate alcohol sales.

Smoking in Iraq is pervasive. People chain-smoke in government buildings, hospitals, cafes and restaurants. They light up at weddings and funerals, before boarding planes and after bombings.

Under the proposal, violators of the ban would be subjected to a fine of up to \$4,300, the government said. Smugglers caught bringing in brands with high levels of nicotine and tar would be fined twice as much.

# \$4,300

The amount a violator of the proposed smoking ban would be fined if caught. Smugglers of smokes with higher tar and nicotine levels would be fined double.

# Tobacco: Downrange ban not part of proposal

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The board could eventually make tobacco-use recommendations to the secretary of defense. New regulations would require the cooperation of the U.S. Congress, according to the Institute of Medicine.

## The debate

Sgt. Fred Pedro, an Army recruiter in Albany, N.Y., said the policy of no tobacco in basic training already makes some potential recruits hesitate, and a military-wide ban — enforced by urine testing — could turn off even more prospective enlistees.

"Some folks might have second thoughts, yes," he said. Testing "is a very, very big step."

Secretary of Defense Robert

Gates drew a line in July following the Institute of Medicine recommendations, saying a downrange ban on tobacco is out of the question.

Neither the Institute of Medicine nor American Lung Association proposed a downrange ban, and both said there should be an exception for war zones. The military has remained protective of cigarettes and tobacco in combat.

Despite the concerns, the military should ban tobacco use everywhere else, said Charles Connor, a retired Navy captain and the president and CEO of the American Lung Association.

"If you look back many decades, the military has led the way on social issues — segregation, gender equality, drug abuse," Connor said. "There is never really going to be a great time to take on decoupling tobacco from the military."

There are signs that a ban might be politically possible, he said.

In June, Congress — with the support of senators from tobacco-producing Virginia — gave the U.S. Food and Drug Administra-

tion the authority to regulate tobacco for the first time, Connor said.

"I think we need to make a start. Let's ban smoking for kids who come [into the military] today," Connor said. "I don't underestimate the enormity of the task, but I think the [Institute of Medicine] was right to start now."

## The recommendations

The Institute of Medicine and the American Lung Association both back a phased-in elimination of tobacco beginning with a ban on all use among those entering the military.

Both groups also said military tobacco sales are a barrier to cutting use and should be curbed.

Military exchanges around the world made at least \$672 million on tobacco in 2008, according to sales figures provided by the Navy Exchange, Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the Marine Corps Exchange system.

A full elimination of tobacco use is possible in less than two decades, said Dr. Stuart Bondurant, lead researcher on the Institute of Medicine's committee of medical experts.

"At the end of 20 years, most of the current population will no longer be there," he said. "Many members of the committee felt it could be done in many areas of the military in much less time."

Bondurant said kicking tobacco could save the military and its health system — and Veterans Affairs Department health services — as much as \$100 billion a year when lost productivity and other "collateral damage" is figured in. That's far more than the tally of medical costs reported by the Institute of Medicine study.

Servicemembers who use tobacco are more likely to drop out of basic training, have poor vision, leave the service within the first year or get sick and miss work, Bondurant and his committee reported.

Bondurant said the ban should begin with officer trainees, because they set an example among the ranks, and new enlisted servicemembers should follow quickly behind.

## Tobacco at West Point

Some in the military are already pushing a tobacco-free

message.

Incoming cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., are welcomed with medical slide shows of tobacco-damaged lungs, said Christine Polao, a community health nursing counselor at the academy.

"On the very first day, they are briefed on what tobacco does to you," she said. "It is the individual's decision whether they pick up that cigarette or chewing tobacco."

So far, nobody has called for a ban on tobacco use at West Point, but the anti-tobacco message is pushed to cadets throughout their time at the academy, Polao said.

The result is older cadets tend to make the decision to abstain from smoking and tobacco — and pressure younger cadets to do the same, she said.

## Enlisted ranks uneasy on ban

Studies indicate enlisted servicemembers are more likely to use tobacco, and some in the enlisted ranks balk at a ban.

"It would just be something else that would make recruiting harder," said Sgt. Maj. Rohan M. McDermott of the 198th Infantry Brigade, Fort Benning, Ga. "The average younger person is going to say, 'I am not going to quit [tobacco] to join the Army.'"

McDermott, whose brigade trains the Army infantry, said he was allowed to smoke when he went through basic training 20 years ago, but now recruits

must get by without tobacco during the 13 weeks of training.

Recruiters routinely tell prospective recruits that tobacco use is not allowed during boot camp, said Sgt. Greg Williams, an Army recruiter who works out of a mall in Boardman, Ohio.

"They are OK with it," Williams said. "They weigh both sides of it. They are going to gain training and financial help, and they are willing to [give up tobacco for a time]."

But an all-out ban on tobacco could change that can-do attitude among those who come into the recruitment center, he said.

"It is a legal substance," he said. "I think it would change their opinion about the military in general."

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# Study: Big Tobacco saw Gulf War as a marketing opportunity

A study published in July in the American Journal of Public Health looked at internal tobacco company documents to determine if marketing efforts were aimed at servicemembers during the Gulf War.

Researchers found tobacco companies saw the conflict as a commercial opportunity and targeted servicemembers with free cigarettes, direct advertising, phone cards and homecoming parties.

The military, which often viewed the tobacco companies as benefactors, restricted the activity at times but frequently allowed it, according to "Everywhere the Soldier will Be: Wartime Tobacco Promotion in the U.S."

Tobacco companies began producing and shipping free cigarettes within the first month of the war.

One company sent 10,000 cartons via the Department of Defense and others were on deck with 42,000 before the DOD acknowledged the free cigarettes were against policy and blocked further shipments, according to the study's two researchers, Elizabeth Smith and Ruth Malone, who are on staff at the University of California's Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, San Francisco.

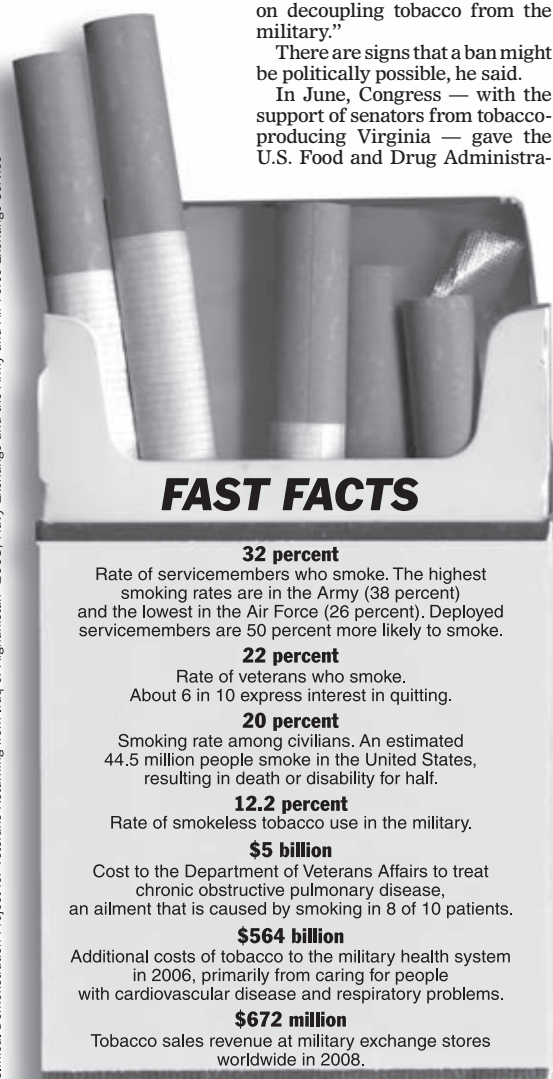
Barred from providing free cigarettes, tobacco companies turned to branded merchandise such as baseball caps and playing cards.

"RJ Reynolds noted that 'troops in Saudi Arabia definitely know that Camel Joe is behind them' as they had received 'over 5,000 packs of Camel playing cards ... [and] a variety of premium items including sunglasses, audio cassettes and cup cozies,'" the study said.

During Desert Storm, the DOD bent the rules and allowed RJ Reynolds to put its logo on the cover of magazines donated to servicemembers despite rules against direct advertising, Smith and Malone found.

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Source: Institute of Medicine "Combating Smoking in Military and Veteran Populations" 2009; Military Medicine "Preliminary Findings from a Clinical Demonstration Project for Veterans Returning from Iraq or Afghanistan" 2008; Navy Exchange and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service



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# DOD: No criminal charges to be filed in Iraq electrocutions

By KIMBERLY HEFLING  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No criminal charges will be filed against military contractor KBR Inc. in connection with the electrocution of a Green Beret soldier who died while showering in his barracks in Iraq, the Defense Department said Friday.

Investigators said there was "insufficient evidence to prove or disprove" that anyone was criminally culpable in the January 2008 death of 24-year-old Staff Sgt. Ryan Maseth. The uproar over his death triggered a review of 17 other electrocution deaths in Iraq and widespread inspections.

Initially, an Army investigator had called Maseth's death a "negligent homicide," and

said KBR failed to ensure that "qualified electricians and plumbers" worked on the building where Maseth died, according to an internal document obtained by The Associated Press.

On Friday, the Defense Department said that while both contractors and government employees "breached their respective duties of care" none of the breaches alone

were "the proximate cause of his death."

KBR has denied any responsibility in Maseth's death. A spokeswoman has said that KBR informed the military of the absence of grounding and bonding in the structure where Maseth died nine months before his death.

Maseth's family has an ongoing lawsuit against KBR.



# Two senators blocking DOD nominations

## Kansas duo protesting potential detainee moves

By LOLITA C. BALDOR  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Kansas' two U.S. senators are blocking 10 of President Barack Obama's nominees for senior administration posts at the Pentagon and Justice Department in protest over a proposal to house Guantanamo detainees at the Fort Leavenworth prison.

The list of blocked nominees includes a fellow Republican member of Congress — Obama's pick for Army secretary, Rep. John McHugh of New York.

Sens. Sam Brownback and Pat Roberts, both R-Kan., said Thursday that they are prepared to block the appointments until they get answers from the White House about the proposal. And they said they want Leavenworth taken off the list of potential relocation spots.

The senators were reacting to reports that the administration is eyeing the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks at Leavenworth and a soon-to-be-shuttered state maximum security prison in Michigan as possible places to establish a heavily guarded site to hold the 229 suspected al-Qaida, Taliban and foreign fighters now jailed at the Guantanamo Bay detention camp in Cuba.



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

The U.S. Disciplinary Barracks borders farmland on the north edge of Fort Leavenworth in Leavenworth, Kan. The military prison is on the short list to house detainees currently held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

# Three 'Norfolk 4' sailors are granted conditional pardon

By ANITA KUMAR  
AND TOM JACKMAN  
The Washington Post

RICHMOND, Va. — Virginia Gov. Timothy Kaine on Thursday afternoon granted conditional pardons to three members of the "Norfolk 4," clearing the way for the former sailors to be released from prison, where they were serving life sentences for the 1997 rape and murder of a woman in Norfolk.

The pardons of Danial Williams, Derek Tice and Joseph Dick culminated a four-year campaign to clear four former sailors of a crime to which they all had confessed. The men claimed they were coerced into admitting the crime and that detectives fed them details of the incident. Some of those details turned out to be wrong. A fourth sailor, Eric Wilson, already had served nine years in prison and has been released. He was not pardoned.

Kaine said that he was simply reducing the remaining three sailors' sentences to time served and that he was not declaring their innocence. Kaine said he believes the men "have not conclusively established their innocence and therefore that an absolute pardon is not appropriate."

The men had been convicted

in the slaying of Michelle Moore-Bosko, 18, of Pittsburgh, who had recently moved to Norfolk and secretly married her longtime boyfriend, William Bosko. Her parents, Jack and Carol Moore, adamantly opposed any clemency and, after listening to the defendants' confessions to their daughter's slaying, still believe they are guilty.

The Moores said Thursday that they were devastated. "It is just unbelievable," said Carol Moore, who sat through three murder trials for men she thought had killed her daughter. "He's going to let these men out. They're breathing. They're out there visiting their family. Where do we go? We go to the cemetery."

In a prepared statement, the Moores said Kaine had "chosen to ignore the facts and history of this case" and that "It is truly shameful and a disservice to the citizens of Virginia and our family that the decisions of the courts have been ignored and confessed rapists and murderers are being set free."

The effort to exonerate the Norfolk 4 was led by the Innocence Project, a group that works to clear people who are wrongly convicted, and lawyers from three large law firms who took on the project for free.

# Marketing: Companies were aggressive in seeking publicity

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In another marketing campaign, Philip Morris distributed "Marlboro Holiday Voice Cards," voice recordings sent to servicemembers downrange from families and loved ones. The company said its goals were positive publicity for Marlboro, brand recognition among young adult smokers and influence of a "broad base of opinion leaders," according to the study.

The voice cards triggered a mild rebuke from the DOD, which reminded the company that ads directly identifying a tobacco product were not allowed. Meanwhile, the cards got Philip Morris about 94 million "media impressions", television coverage around the world and a stream of goodwill letters from the public, the researchers said.

One military wife wrote a letter to Philip Morris saying she had asked her husband

to quit smoking but changed her mind after using the voice card.

"If we ever get to see him again, I don't believe I will ever fuss about it again," the study quoted the woman.

Cigarette companies also saw an opportunity in the end of the war. Philip Morris executives said they were "keenly interested in capitalizing on the successful military operation" and "continuing the association we started last year with

the troops."

"Over forty locations now have welcome home signs in place featuring Marlboro brand identification," a military sales manager said in June 1991, according to the study. The company also produced the largest homecoming event for Desert Storm at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and similar events in Germany featured "extensive signage for Marlboro," the study said.

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Journalist Stanley Karnow, seated, pays his respects to the first American casualties killed in Vietnam in 1959, while visiting Washington in July. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, NATO's top commander in Afghanistan, and Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. special envoy to the country, telephoned the renowned Vietnam War historian on July 27 to discuss the two conflicts.

AP



## For Afghan fight, officials consider lessons of Vietnam

By SLOBODAN LEKIC  
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Top U.S. officials have reached out to a leading Vietnam war scholar to discuss the similarities of that conflict 40 years ago with American involvement in Afghanistan, where the U.S. is seeking ways to isolate an elusive guerrilla force and win over a skeptical local population.

The overture to Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Stanley Karnow, who opposes the Afghan war, comes as the U.S. is evaluating its strategy there.

President Barack Obama has doubled the size of the U.S. force to curb a burgeoning Taliban insurgency and bolster the Afghan government. He has tasked Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. commander, with conducting a strategic review of the fight and drafting a detailed proposal for victory.

McChrystal and Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. special envoy to the country, telephoned Karnow on July 27 in an apparent effort to apply the lessons of Vietnam to the Afghan war, which started in 2001 when U.S.-led forces ousted the Taliban regime in the wake of the 9/11 attacks.

Among the concerns voiced by historians is the credibility of President Hamid Karzai's government, which is widely perceived as being plagued by graft and corruption. They draw a parallel between Afghanistan's presidential election on Aug. 20 and the failed effort in Vietnam

to legitimize a military regime lacking broad popular support through an imposed presidential election in 1967. Holbrooke confirmed to The Associated Press that the three men discussed similarities between the two wars. "We discussed the two situations and what to do," he said during a visit last week to NATO headquarters in Brussels.

When asked what could be drawn from the Vietnam experience, Karnow said: "What did we learn from Vietnam? We learned that we shouldn't have been there in the first place. Obama and everybody else seem to want to be in Afghanistan, but not I."

James McAllister, a professor of political science at Williams College in Massachusetts who has written extensively about Vietnam, said the administration could learn a lot from Vietnam.

"American policy makers clearly see parallels between the two wars," he said. "They know that the mistakes we made in Vietnam must be avoided in Afghanistan."

McAllister cited analogies between the two wars:

■ In both wars, security forces had an overwhelming advantage in firepower over lightly armed but highly mobile guerrillas.

■ Insurgents in both cases were able to use safe havens in neighboring countries to regroup and re-equip.

Rufus Phillips, author of the book "Why Vietnam Matters," warned about the derailing effects that a corrupt presidential election could have on the war.

## 1 American, 3 Brits killed in Afghanistan

KABUL — Three British paratroops and an American servicemember were killed in attacks in Afghanistan's south and east, officials said Friday, raising the number of international troops slain in the first week of August to 19. The pace of Western casualties could make August the deadliest month for U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan since the start of the nearly eight-year war. NATO and the British government said the paratroops' armored vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb during a patrol with Afghan forces north of Lashkar Gah in the southern province of Helmand on Thursday.

From The Associated Press

# Benchmarks for Afghan war weeks from being released

By LEO SHANE III  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — White House officials are weeks away from completing and publicly releasing metrics for how they'll gauge success in Afghanistan, even as the number of U.S. troops in the country continues to rise.

Administration officials, led by National Security Advisor Lt. Gen. Douglas Lute, briefed members of Congress this week on the ongoing efforts to develop benchmarks for progress in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Earlier this year, lawmakers set a Sept. 23 due date for the metrics, and both lawmakers and President Barack Obama have promised to make the measures public then.

For now, details of exactly what military officials would be tracking remain classified, but White House officials confirmed that key House and Senate lawmakers received a nearly finished product in their meeting with Lute and NSA staffers.

The American public, however, appears to be growing increasingly impatient. A new national CNN poll released this week showed that 41 percent of people questioned say they favor the war in Afghanistan, down 9 points from May, when half of those questioned expressed support. Fifty-four percent of respondents in the latest CNN poll said they opposed the Afghan war effort.

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The percentage of Americans, according to a CNN poll, who support the war in Afghanistan

As part of the House's version of the 2010 Defense Appropriations bill, lawmakers have asked for detailed reports throughout the year "outlining the U.S. security, governance, development, counternarcotics and regional strategy in Afghanistan."

NSA officials said the metrics are fundamentally based on how well U.S. and NATO forces "disrupt, dismantle and defeat al-Qaida" — echoing comments made by Obama during a speech in March outlining the new Afghanistan strategy.

But one item that might not be included is the death toll from skirmishes between U.S. troops and Taliban or al-Qaida fighters. Last month, American military leaders in Afghanistan announced they would no longer release those body counts, calling the numbers uninformative and potentially upsetting to civilians in the country.

White House officials would not comment on whether the

death tallies are included in the latest draft of the metrics.

A spokesman for Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said he was pleased with the work thus far and confident the new metrics will be ready Sept. 23.

Lawmakers have been receiving progress reports on Afghanistan from the Pentagon since inserting an amendment requiring the summaries into the 2008 defense authorization bill. The most recent report, issued in July, noted progress in stabilizing the region but added that U.S. forces continue to face "severe challenges" in the fight.

Members of the House have criticized that periodic report for being nearly five weeks late and incomplete, because it contains largely anecdotal and analytical summaries on the region.

Rep. John Murtha, D-Penn., chair of the House Appropriations Committee's defense subcommittee, again this week reiterated the need for "achievable and realistic benchmarks" for Afghanistan.

Still, White House officials said they were pleased with the meetings this week, getting only small changes and positive feedback from lawmakers. Additional discussions on the metrics will take place between the Defense and State departments over the coming weeks.

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# Arrest of hikers mars Iraqi tourism boom

By YAHYA BARZANJI  
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The Associated Press

SULAIMANIYAH, Iraq — In Iraq's Kurdish region where three American hikers fell into Iranian custody, the attractions for intrepid hikers and travelers are many. Visitors shop for crystal glasses and enjoy long walks in lush mountain resorts renowned for their pistachio groves.

Safety is a big selling point — tourism promoters boast not a single foreigner has been killed or kidnapped since 2003.

Still, in a region without a well-beaten path in Kurdistan is very risky — as the three Americans discovered after they apparently wandered down the wrong side of a mountain last week and were taken into custody by Iranian border guards. Other than a frantic call to one of their friends, they haven't been heard from since.

The three — Shane Bauer, Sarah Shourd and Joshua Fattal — were under arrest in Iran on Tuesday for illegally entering the country, and an Iranian lawmaker said that authorities were deciding whether to accuse them of spying. The U.S. State Department rejected the allegation, and relatives and Kurdish officials said they were merely hikers who got lost. The case is the latest source of friction with Washington at a time of political

crisis in Iran.

Kurdish tourism officials are trying to keep the incident from drying up a budding business with the West.

"The detention of the three American citizens by the Iranian border forces will not affect our tourism activity because they came alone and not within a tourist group," said Kanan Bahaadden, the director of the media office in the Kurdistan tourism ministry. "If they would have been with us, they would have been safer."

Kurdish police say the three went hiking without interpreters or bodyguards and were warned not to get too close to the border.

The tranquil mountains of northern Iraq are one of the country's best-kept secrets. An oasis of relative security, Kurdistan is home to nearly 3.8 million people, is largely autonomous and has escaped much of Iraq's sectarian violence.

Iraqis are now vacationing in the Kurdish region in record numbers. More than 23,000 Iraqis headed north this summer, up from merely 3,700 last year, tourism officials say.

It is a relatively inexpensive getaway: A week in a modest hotel, with bus fare, costs about \$160 per person, or one-third an average monthly salary.

After the U.S.-led coalition ousted Saddam in 2003, Kurds eased border controls. That led to an

## Off the path

Three Americans hiking in Iraq last week were detained by Iranian border guards after they apparently wandered off-course.



initial surge of Arab tourism that year. But Kurds closed the gates again in February 2004 after suicide bombers killed 109 people at

## Risky travel

Travelers are increasingly visiting Iraq's Kurdish provinces. A look at the area and some of the issues:

**The region:** The self-ruled Kurdish area of Iraq makes up the northern part of the country and has borders with Iran, Syria and Turkey. It occupies an area about the size of Maryland and is home to nearly 3.8 million people. Its capital is Irbil, locally known as Hawler. The Irbil citadel is the oldest continuously inhabited settlement in the world, having been peopled since 6,000 B.C.

**Travel warning:** The U.S. State Department says Kurdistan is safer than much of Iraq, but "conditions could deteriorate quickly." Kurdish immigration officials allow Americans to enter with a visa granted at the airports. Officials urge all visitors to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or consulate.

**Political tension:** The minority Kurds and the majority Arab Iraqis have long been locked in a dispute over oil resources and territory. Control of the city of Kirkuk is disputed and travel there is strongly discouraged.

— The Associated Press

Today the area is safe enough to entice a small but increasing number of Western tourists as well.

Kurdish immigration officials generally allow Americans to enter with a visa granted at the airports in major cities such as Irbil and Sulaimaniyah. The visas are good only in Kurdistan, and officials urge all visitors to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or consulate.

The three detained Americans came into the Kurdish area from Turkey on July 28, and the next day went to Irbil, the capital of the Kurdish region, spending a night there before moving on to Sulaimaniyah by bus. On July 30, they rented a cabin at Iraq-Iran border resort of Ahmed Awaa, according to a local security official.

From there on, accounts are sketchy.

Camping equipment and two backpacks apparently belonging to the Americans were found in the area and it seemed they were hiking above a waterfall when they accidentally crossed the border, a Kurdish security official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information.

Shortly before their capture, the three contacted a fourth member of their group — Shon Meckfessel, a Ph.D. student in linguistics — to say they had entered Iran by mistake and were surrounded by troops, the official said.



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# Iraq offers \$2,000 for mixed-sect marriages

## Sunni-Shiite unions rebound as violence falls

By BUSHRA JUHI  
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The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Muhanad Talib, a Sunni Muslim, married his Shiite bride because she was a "suitable woman" for him. It also didn't hurt that their vows made them eligible for a \$2,000 payout from the government.

Talib and his wife are among more than 1,700 newlywed couples who have accepted cash from a government program that encourages Sunnis and Shiites to tie the knot. The government has held 15 mass weddings for inter-sect couples from all over Iraq, with the most recent taking place last month at a club in western Baghdad once used by Saddam Hussein's army.

While the Iraqi government doesn't track marriages bridging the two major Muslim sects, experts say mixed couples are on the rebound after a dramatic decline during the days of heavy violence. The rise, or rather, the return of mixed marriages appears to be one more sign that Iraqi society is gradually recovering from the war, and that things are more peaceful than they have been in years.

As security has improved, Iraqis are returning to their homes in mixed neighborhoods and spending more time at offices, univer-



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**Muhanad Talib, left, and his bride, Samma Nasir, are seen in their Dora neighborhood home of southern Baghdad. Talib, a Sunni, and Nasir, a Shiite, are one of more than 1,700 Sunni-Shiite couples who accepted \$2,000 from the Iraqi government in an effort to heal the country's sectarian divide.**

sities and other places where they meet their future spouses, said Shiite cleric Sayyid Ahmed Hirz al-Yasiri in Baghdad's Shiite stronghold of Sadr City.

"There was a time when families were reluctant to consent to such marriages because of concerns created by certain conservative people from both sects," he said. "That is over now and things are getting back to normal, like they were before the fall of Baghdad. In the past two months, I married 40 to 50 Sunnis, including 20 mixed weddings."

Other clerics echoed al-Yasiri's view.

"My father is a cleric and a marriage official, and I know

from him that such marriages are countless and on the rise," said Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman Rashid, a preacher at al-Rahman Sunni mosque in Azamiyah in northern Baghdad. "Hatred has eventually faded with the passage of time."

Talib, the new groom, smiled at his Shiite bride in the living room of a house the couple shares with relatives in Dora, a primarily Sunni area in south Baghdad.

"I chose her and want to live the best part of my life with her," he said. "We do not discriminate between the two sects. ... This discrimination came from sectarian people."

His wife, Samma Nasir, said

shyly: "He has chosen me despite my being Shiite."

Marriage in general is coming back into strong favor. Figures from Iraq's Higher Judicial Council show that 274,014 couples were married in 2007, when sectarian violence was raging. That jumped to 357,593 last year when violence waned. In the first three months of this year, 62,626 marriages were recorded across Iraq, excluding the semiautonomous Kurdish region in the north.

Sheikh Hamid al-Adhami, a Sunni cleric and marriage official, said he's marrying four to five couples a month, two or three of whom are mixed-sect. Two judges — Ahmed al-Azzawi in the civil court in Baghdad's central commercial district of Karradah and Karim al-Ithawi in the appeals court in Baghdad's eastern Rusafa district — both said that more people are getting married, and that mixed marriages are now as common as same-sect ones.

The 14-century-old animosity between the sects grew out of

a dispute over the succession of Prophet Muhammad, which split the Muslim world into Sunni and Shiite branches. Yet before the war, Sunnis and Shiites mixed freely in Baghdad. Inter-sect marriages were very common; religious identity was less important than allegiance to Saddam Hussein.

In February 2006, a revered Shiite shrine in Samarra was bombed. Death squads slaughtered people and hundreds of thousands fled the increasingly segregated capital. The incident marked a new high in violence between the sects.

A few months later, the Sunni vice president started a program doling out \$2,000 to any Sunni-Shiite couple that tied the knot, in the hope that love would help overcome war.

Hind Khalaf, an Iraqi women's activist, said mixed marriages never completely disappeared from society, but dropped off during the worst years of violence.

"People were too afraid to lose their sons if they let them marry from the other sect," Khalaf said.

## Navy command on Guam changes name

The U.S. Navy command on Guam officially changed its name last week, a move that signals a changing mission as well, according to a military news release issued Friday.

Commander, Navy Region Marianas will now be called Commander, Joint Region Marianas, the release said. Under the new title, the Navy on Guam will be responsible for all Department of Defense installations on the island and throughout the Northern Mariana Islands.

## Marine accused of robbery on Okinawa

NAHA, Okinawa — A Marine Corps private first class assigned to Camp Kinser is accused of rob-

bing and injuring a taxi driver in Naha on Aug. 1, according to Okinawa police.

The 19-year-old Marine, whose name was not released because he is considered a minor in Japan, allegedly held up a taxi driver with a knife around 8:30 p.m. in the Maejima district of Naha, taking about 60,000 yen (about \$550), a police spokesman said.

The Marine fled, but police later identified and located him with the help of Marine investigators, the spokesman said. He is being held in military custody pending indictment.

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# Rental agencies protest new housing policy

By DAVID ALLEN  
AND CHIYOMI SUMIDA  
*Stars and Stripes*

OKINAWA CITY — Alarmed by a new policy that requires all incoming military families to live in base housing, rental agencies are lobbying Okinawa and Tokyo officials to urge the U.S. military to suspend the rule.

They want their representatives to apply pressure to Air Force officials who put the new policy into effect Aug. 1. They also want a suspension of all new housing projects on the bases.

"For more than 50 years, we have been engaged in the business of offering rental homes to people in the U.S. military community on Okinawa," stated an All Okinawa Housing Association petition presented Wednesday to Okinawa City Mayor Mitsuko Tomon.

"If the policy is implemented, a great amount of rental homes will be left vacated, seriously threatening the basis of our livelihood."

The group intends to file similar requests with the Okinawa Bureau of the Ministry of Defense, Okinawa Gov. Hirokazu Nakaima, the Okinawa prefectural assembly and the mayors of cities and towns where the rental homes for Americans are concentrated.

About 11,900 Americans on Okinawa under the Status of Forces Agreement — married and single — live in more than 7,119 off-base housing units, said association chairman Junichi Kiyon. Many of the homes have been built specifically to American standards in the past five years or so.

Some housing agents said the new rule could reduce the number of off-base units rented to Americans to under a thousand.

The Air Force could save more than \$30 million annually by mandating that military families live on base, Lt. Col. David Wilder, commander of the 718th Engineer Squadron, told Stars and Stripes when the policy was announced.

The Air Force maintains housing for all services on Okinawa bases.

The policy does not affect civilians.

Wilder said officials are shooting for a base occupancy rate of 95 percent, up from the current 84 percent.

"The change will create great chaos to Okinawa society," Kiyon said in an interview Thursday.

The association comprises 20 of the 50 housing agencies that cater to Americans.

He said the 7,119 units are in 23 communities and are approved by the military housing office

on Kadena Air Base. The largest concentrations are in Chatan, Okinawa City, Yomitan, Uruma, Ginowan and Kitanakagusuku.

"If utilities, cleaning and other related services are included, the total economic effect is 20 billion yen (\$210.5 million)," said Seijun Tokuzato, director of the association's board.

"The great benefit to military personnel living off base, as well as the economic impact, is about

to be forgotten," he said.

Officials with the 18th Wing had no comment Friday on the housing association's concerns.

The reaction of Okinawa officials has been mixed.

Tomon said she intends to discuss the issue with her counterparts in the central part of the island, where major U.S. bases are located.

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### Va. to appeal ruling on SEAL trainee

RICHMOND, Va. — Virginia's attorney general said Friday that he will appeal a court ruling that exonerated a former Navy SEAL trainee who has spent 14 years in prison for the abduction and murder of a Georgia college student.

In a 2-1 decision Tuesday, a Virginia Court of Appeals panel granted a writ of actual innocence to Dustin Turner of Bloomington, Ind.

Another former SEAL trainee, Billy Joe Brown, now says he alone killed Jennifer Evans and Turner just helped dispose of her body.

The panel's decision, which now will be reviewed by the full appeals court, affirmed a judge's ruling that Brown's confession was credible.

Virginia Beach Circuit Judge Frederick Lowe concluded that no rational judge or jury would have convicted Turner had they heard Brown's confession.

From The Associated Press



## IN THE WORLD

## Iran, N. Korea use same script to irk West

By BRIAN MURPHY  
The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The parallels between Iran and North Korea would seem to riff off the same West-rattling script: start a nuclear program, test some long-range missiles, demand international respect.

But the latest mirror moment for the two nations — nabbing Americans accused of straying across the border — shows that the symmetry goes only so far.

The type of star-power mission by former President Bill Clinton last week to free two U.S. journalists is far less likely — but perhaps not impossible — to try to aid three Americans detained by Iranian authorities the previous week after allegedly wandering over the frontier during a hike in northern Iraq.

The differences, analysts say, include the complexities of dealing with Iran's mix of ruling clerics, elected politicians and military commanders, rather than a one-stop strongman such as North Korea's Kim Jong Il.

And the timing couldn't be more difficult. The meltdown after June's disputed election has left Iran's leadership embattled and alleging that foreign "enemies" — read: The United States and its allies — are behind the nation's worst internal unrest since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

"Iran is far more complicated politically for this kind of outside-the-government mercy mission," said Abdolkhaleq Abdulla, a professor of political science at Emirates University. "In North Korea, you have a one-man show. In Iran, you have to deal with the entire system, not just one man."

That doesn't mean Iran would necessarily snub a personal appeal from a big-name envoy, he added.

"There's always room for beyond-the-state diplomacy," Abdulla said. "It's part of Iranian and



**Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, left, and his government seem to be taking cues from North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il, right, in terms of their approach to testing American resolve over matters of nuclear arms and U.S. citizens detained in their nations.**



AP Photos

### Journalist's sister: Women briefly in N. Korea

LOS ANGELES — Laura Ling's sister says the two American journalists briefly touched North Korean soil before they were captured and detained for months in that communist country.

"She said that it was maybe 30 seconds and then everything got chaotic. It's a very powerful story, and she does want to share it," Lisa Ling told CNN Thursday.

A day after the reporters returned from Pyongyang on a private plane, Lisa Ling said her sister is still weak, exhaust-

ed and emotional.

Lisa Ling described how her sister clings to her family after months of isolation. She said she even went to a doctor's appointment with her sister, just to keep her company.

Lisa Ling said Euna Lee's husband told her that his 4-year-old daughter, Hana, spent all day following Lee around the house from room to room. Laura Ling told her family she was treated humanely but meals were meager.

From The Associated Press

Islamic culture to be amenable to these kind of gestures. ... Stuff like this could actually break the ice and move them forward."

Iran is holding the three Americans for illegally entering the country, and authorities are investigating whether to bring far

more serious charges of espionage — also faced by American-Iranian journalist Roxana Saberi before she was released in May.

The Americans — freelance journalist Shane Bauer, his girlfriend, Sarah Shourd, and Joshua Fattal — have not been on display

in Iranian media.

State television accused Washington of trying to use their detention to drum up anti-Iranian propaganda.

In North Korea, the journalists Laura Ling and Euna Lee had been sentenced to 12 years hard labor after being detained in March at a border area while working on a story about human trafficking for former Vice President Al Gore's Current TV.

Both cases have different narratives: journalists pursuing a story linked to North Korea compared with the possible innocent blundering of travelers eager to see the world.

But they each became convenient fodder in the wider international muscle-flexing of both Tehran's theocracy and Pyongyang's autocracy.

Their playbook is similar: Taunt the West with defiance and displays of power, such as North Korea's latest test of a nuclear test device in May or Iran's announcements of its expanding uranium enrichment capabilities.

North Korea fired six ballistic missiles off its eastern coast in another display of its arsenal. Two months earlier, Iran test-fired a new missile with a range of about 1,200 miles, far enough to strike Israel and southeastern Europe.

Their regions are different but their goals also are not far apart — a hunger for full international

recognition, including humbling concessions from Washington, which has no diplomatic relations with either country.

"We must play a key role in the management of the world," said Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in his inauguration speech Wednesday — as riot police outside parliament battled protesters claiming his re-election was secured by massive vote-rigging.

In North Korea, Kim apparently used Clinton's mission to dispel rumors that his health was in steep decline. It was Kim's first meeting with a prominent Western figure since reportedly suffering a stroke a year ago.

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## Iran seen years from producing nuclear weapons-grade material

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Despite Iran's progress since 2007 toward producing enriched uranium, the State Department's intelligence analysts continue to think that Tehran will not be able to produce weapons-grade material before 2013, according to a newly disclosed congressional document.

The updated assessment, by the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, emphasizes that the analysis is based on Iran's technical capability and is not a judgment about "when Iran might make any political decision" to produce highly enriched uranium.

The intelligence community

agrees that a political decision has not yet been made. According to the assessment, State Department analysts think such a decision is unlikely to be made "for at least as long as international scrutiny and pressure persist."

The views on Iran's nuclear program were made by the State Department's intelligence arm and are contained among answers in a document supplied by Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence following a hearing in February. Steven Aftergood, a senior research analyst at the Federation of American Scientists, obtained the document through a Freedom of Information Act request and

published it Thursday on his Web site.

Among items included in the document is an analysis of Russia's military status. Blair concluded the Russian military "is a shadow of its Soviet predecessor." Its conventional forces are "not a direct military threat to central or western Europe," and its ability to project large forces abroad "is very limited."

In fact, according to the intelligence analysis, Moscow appears to be emphasizing the creation of a "smaller, more professional, mobile, survivable, highly technical military," one more adapted to deal with countries on its borders, except for China.

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# Georgia marks '08 war

## Ceremonies honor casualties in fight with Russia

The Associated Press

TBILISI, Georgia — Georgia marked one year since its war with Russia on Friday with quiet moments and somber ceremonies — a nationwide minute of silence, a human chain in a war-battered town, a soldier's small son gazing at his father's tombstone.

The brief war killed at least 390 people and left a legacy of animosity between leaders and fears among civilians that more fighting may erupt. About 26,000 people displaced by the conflict

still live in temporary housing in Georgia, many on less than \$3 a day, according to aid group World Vision.

For five days Georgian troops fought to rein in the breakaway region of South Ossetia and push back advancing Russian forces, while on the other side Russian troops and tanks backed the separatist forces against what they called an unprovoked Georgian assault. Fighting ended with an EU-brokered agreement that left South Ossetia cut off from the

rest of Georgia by military checkpoints.

Russia, which recognizes South Ossetia as independent, maintains thousands of troops there to support local forces, which have widely been accused of killing ethnic Georgian civilians, burning their houses and driving them at gunpoint from the region.

"We feel there is a great danger in the current situation,"



A woman mourns Friday at a cemetery outside Tbilisi, Georgia, as she visits the grave of a relative killed during last year's five-day war with Russian troops and tanks backing South Ossetian forces.

GEORGE ABDALADZE/AP

Tbilisi resident Lia Tabukashvili said while visiting a memorial to war victims on parliament's steps. "We can only place our faith in God and the international community."

Russian President Dmitry

Medvedev defended his decision to go to war. "Each time I remember these events, I scroll the tape backward, as they say, and realize that on the one hand, we had no other choice," he said in a statement.

# Clinton urges South Africa to take lead in economic recovery

The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Friday called on South Africa to take a leading role in driving slumping economies across the world's poorest continent during the worldwide financial crisis.

In a speech to South African business leaders here, Clinton said that despite setbacks the country is "uniquely positioned" to propel economic growth throughout Africa if it sticks to sound financial principles, embraces open trade and promotes foreign investment. "The economic success of Africa hinges ... to a great extent on the economic success of South Africa," she said. "This is both a responsibility and an opportunity."

South Africa, Clinton said, "is uniquely positioned to advance its own economic trajectory and to propel economic growth on the African continent as a whole." She noted that African countries trade less among themselves than among nations on any other continent and urged South African businesses and



KAREL PRINSLOO/AP

**Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton praised South Africa as a leading nation the U.S. hopes to work closely with, during a speech in Pretoria, South Africa, on Friday.**

industries to expand beyond their borders.

South Africa cannot "exist as an island of relative prosperity amid a sea of untapped opportunity elsewhere on the continent," Clinton said on the second leg of a seven-nation tour of Africa aimed in part at bolstering trade and development.

# Saudi man detained over alleged TV sex confession

The Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Many Saudis have been scandalized by a Saudi man who spoke frankly about sex on a satellite TV program, showing off erotic toys and fantasizing about joining the mile-high club.

More than 200 people have filed legal complaints against Mazen Abdul-Jawad, dubbed a "sex braggart" by the media, and many Saudis say he should be severely punished.

"His punishment should be as harsh as his sin," said lawyer Mohsen al-Awajy. "He has outraged everybody."

Abdul-Jawad was detained last Friday for questioning. But his lawyer, Sulaiman al-Jumeil, said the interview, which was aired on the Lebanese-based LBC satellite

TV station, was manipulated. He also said his client was not aware in many instances that he was being recorded.

Abdul-Jawad's segment on the LBC show begins with the 32-year-old Saudi Airlines employee apparently talking about the first time he had sex — at age 14 with a neighbor. Then he leads viewers into his bedroom. Sitting cross-legged on a red bedcover, Abdul-Jawad, a divorced father of four sons, says "everything happens in this room."

Another shot shows Abdul-Jawad holding up blurred sex toys, a sex manual and a bottle he took from a box.

A segment also shows him greeting three male friends at the door of his apartment. The three friends were also detained by Saudi authorities.

# Britain's infamous 'Great Train Robber' released from prison

LONDON — One of Britain's most notorious criminals has officially been released from prison.

Britain's Justice Secretary Jack Straw said he was releasing Ronnie Biggs on compassionate grounds because he is near death. Biggs was part of a gang that robbed a mail train in an August 1963 heist that netted 2.6 million pounds — worth more than \$50 million today.

Saturday is Biggs' 80th birthday.

# Terror suspects lose case against extradition to U.S.

LONDON — A British court dismissed motions by two terror suspects asking not to be extradited to the United States.

Khalid al-Fawwaz and Abel Abdel-Bary, wanted in the U.S. in connection with 1998 attacks on embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 224 people, argued that being sent to a high-security U.S. prison would breach their human rights.

The judges said conditions in U.S. "super-max" prisons are harsh but not inhuman.

# Mumbai gunman flip-flops on pleading guilty

MUMBAI, India — The surviving gunman from November's Mumbai attacks told a court Friday he wanted to confess to all 86 charges against him — which range from murder to conspiracy to wage war against India — but minutes later said he would stick with an earlier confession.

Last month, Mohammed Ajmal Kasab, 21, admitted spraying gunfire into the crowds at Mumbai's main train station, but denied killing four policemen, in the

three-day siege that killed 166 people.

# American on trial in Myanmar has more seizures

YANGON, Myanmar — American John Yettaw on trial for entering the house of Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, had three epileptic fits Friday, after he was admitted to Yangon General Hospital on Monday when he suffered a seizure in prison, said national police chief Brig. Gen. Khin Yi.

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# Bahrain trying to clean up its image as the Saudis' temptation island

By REBECCA SANTANA  
The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — This tiny Gulf island nation is sick of its reputation as a seedy off-shore Las Vegas and a hot spot of sin for Saudis, so it's starting to rein in the booze. Already it's flooded with Saudis looking for tamer fare they can't get at home in their ultraconservative kingdom — Hannah Montana and heavy metal.

The Muslim nation has long been known as a no-holds-barred island where glitzy nightclubs, Lebanese lounge singers and alcohol entice Muslims from the Gulf states who want a break from their more rigid societies.

It's a reputation that doesn't always sit well with many of Bahrain's citizens who take offense at the drinking and associated vices, and have recently moved to limit alcohol consumption.

Bahrain is particularly attractive for wealthy Saudis, who live in the region's most conservative state, and are as close as a half hour from Bahrain by a causeway linking Saudi Arabia to the island.

Saudis and others have been known to flood the tiny nation on weekends, filling Manama's bars and hotels, holding alcohol-fueled races through Bahrain's streets and patronizing the many prostitutes who crowd the hotels and clubs.

Both Shiite and Sunni Muslims in Bahrain, usually on opposite sides of the political spectrum, have found common ground in this fight to protect the country's moral fiber.

In April, Bahrain tried to appease conservatives by shutting down bars in one- and two-star hotels. Now some lawmakers are pushing the government to outlaw alcohol in the entire country and close down all nightclubs.

"So many prostitutes and so many drunk people from outside Bahrain, and this is corrupting the country," said Adel al-Moawdah, a parliament member pushing the anti-alcohol measures. "We call it dirtying the face of the country."

But while alcohol and vice have always been a lure, the recent hubbub over the anti-alcohol measures overshadows the fact that many Saudis also come to Bahrain for entertainment fare that in most parts of the world could be considered downright wholesome but are banned in the ultra-strict Islamic kingdom.

People "think that Saudis are always in the bars, restaurants. But I see Saudis who are families, who are very respectful," said Mahmoud Jadbeer, who supervises a chain of cinemas on the island. "We have a huge number of Saudis who come over to Bahrain."

There are no movie theaters in Saudi Arabia, and public concerts are all but banned. Cultural events that do take place are sometimes targeted by the religious police who monitor the country for mixing between the sexes and other offenses.

In Bahrain, Saudis can enjoy such cultural events. Parking lots outside malls are packed with Saudi vehicles bearing the tell-tale KSA markings for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia — some even driven by



PHOTOS BY HASAN JAMALI/AP

**Above:** Walid al-Musharraf, 27, of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, looks at a brochure outside a Manama, Bahrain, movie theater. Al-Musharraf says he likes to watch foreign films and sees no reason his country should not have cinemas, noting that movies can be educational. **Below:** A Saudi family checks out an educational insect show in a Manama, Bahrain, shopping mall. Bahrain is trying to shed its image as a decadent hot spot of sin for Saudis.



women who are barred from getting behind the wheel at home.

Saudi customers flocking to see such movies as "Fast and Furious" are easily identifiable by the Saudi riyals they hand over for tickets. Men and women who are rigidly separated back home can be seen walking side by side or even holding hands.

While cultural events are on the rise in Saudi Arabia in recent years, many residents still need an outlet where they can let their veil down.

"For many girls and boys who come here, it's a kind of freedom," said Duaa Muneer, a 21-year-old Saudi woman who studies full-time in Bahrain. And, Muneer said, they take back to Saudi Arabia a new perspective. "I see things from different angles."

When there is a holiday in Saudi Arabia, Jadbeer, who supervises the movie chain, estimates that as many as 85 to 90 percent

of his customers are Saudis. The number falls during nonvacation times but is still very significant.

Saudi kids enjoy animation and Hannah Montana, while horror and action movies are popular with the adults, he said.

At the Virgin store in one Manama mall, Fatima Mohammed waved to the rows of T-shirts featuring bands such as Iron Maiden, Megadeath and System of a Down, and said Saudi teens love heavy metal.

And lest there be any confusion, it's the girls who like heavy metal, Mohammed said. The guys prefer rap. Many Saudi teens come to Bahrain to take part in battle-of-the-band type competitions on weekends, she added.

Saudis buy books banned from shelves back home, such as novels by Salman Rushdie whose book "Satanic Verses" has been deemed blasphemous, said Howard Scott, who works at the Jashanmal Bookstore.

Many Saudi artists unable to show their work openly in Saudi Arabia instead come to galleries such as the al riwaq, a prestigious facility in Manama showing contemporary art. A good proportion of the customers are also Saudis.

As customers, Saudi tastes run toward paintings and more classical or traditional works, said Mayssa Fattouh, the curatorial and program manager at al riwaq. Many look questioningly at more recent art trends such as video installations, but she said they are amazingly curious.

"They see everything as a new thing," she said.

## Quick-change artist

A Saudi man removes his thobe in the parking lot of a government-run liquor store in Manama, Bahrain. Traditional Arab thobes — long white shirtdresses worn by men over lightweight shorts or pants — are not permitted inside the store, so many patrons visiting from neighboring Gulf countries where alcohol is banned change clothes in the parking lot or wear only their undershirts and loose white pants.



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## IN THE STATES



Mark Lennihan/AP

**A crane lifts a flattened van to a shredder Thursday at Gershaw Recycling Corp. in Medford, N.Y. Many of the scrapped vehicles are part of the "cash for clunkers" program.**

## Car program gets refueled with \$2 billion

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Car shoppers caught up in the frenzy of the "cash-for-clunkers" program now have more time and a \$2 billion reason to trade in their old gas guzzlers.

President Barack Obama signed into law Friday a measure tripling the budget of the \$1 billion incentive program that has drawn big crowds to formerly deserted showrooms. The Senate on Thursday passed the legislation extending the 2-week-old program into Labor Day and preventing it from running out of money.

"Now more American consumers will have the chance to purchase newer, more fuel-efficient cars and the American economy will continue to get a much-needed boost," Obama said in a statement hailing the vote.

The extra money, approved by the House last week, is aimed at helping automakers and spurring the economy while removing the least fuel-efficient vehicles from the road. Last week, the government said the program's funding would be exhausted by Friday if it was not replenished.

# Sotomayor's swearing-in a TV first

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Sonia Sotomayor is sworn in Saturday to the Supreme Court, she'll be able to claim two firsts: first Hispanic justice and first high court member to have her oath-taking made available to TV cameras.

Sotomayor, who won a groundbreaking Senate confirmation vote Thursday over intense conservative opposition, will be sworn in twice by Chief Justice John Roberts.

She will repeat one oath as prescribed by the Constitution in a private ceremony at the high court. It will be open only to members of Sotomayor's family. Then, Roberts will administer a second oath, taken by judges, with the new justice's family and friends

and reporters present.

Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said the ceremony apparently will be the first one open to television cameras in the court's history.

Sotomayor is the first Democratic nominee in 15 years. She becomes the nation's 111th justice — and just the third woman in the court's history. She'll appear next week at the White House with President Barack Obama, who chose her in May to replace retiring Justice David Souter.

"With this historic vote, the Senate has affirmed that Justice Sotomayor has the intellect, the temperament, the history, the integrity and the independence of mind to ably serve on our nation's highest court," Obama said following Thursday's 68-31 confirmation vote.



RICK KOPSTEIN, NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL/AP

**Sonia Sotomayor smiles Thursday as she greets supporters at the federal courthouse in New York after being confirmed by the Senate as the nation's first Hispanic Supreme Court justice.**

## Job loss decline is encouraging sign

By JEANNINE AVERSA  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Employers sharply scaled back layoffs in July, and the unemployment rate dipped for the first time in 15 months, sending a strong signal that the worst recession since World War II is finally ending.

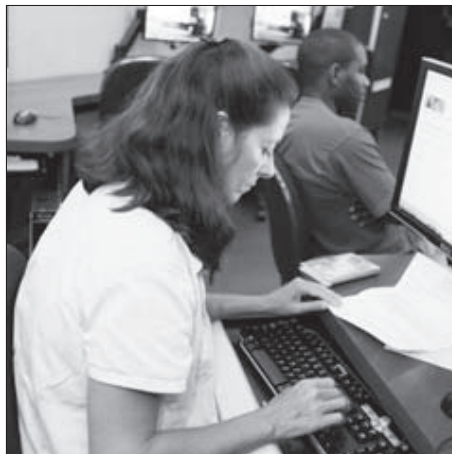
A net total of 247,000 jobs were lost last month, the fewest in a year. That compares with 443,000 jobs that disappeared in June. The unemployment rate for July declined to 9.4 percent from 9.5 percent in June.

The snapshot the Labor Department released Friday offered other encouraging news, too. Workers' hours nudged up after sinking to a record low in June, and paychecks grew after having stagnated or fallen.

"There's clearly been a turn for the better," said Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics. "The worst is behind us in terms of layoffs."

Still, the labor market remains on shaky ground. The 247,000 jobs lost in July represent a vast improvement on much higher job losses earlier in the year. But they're a far cry from the positive job growth needed to sustain an economic recovery.

When the economy is healthy, employers need to add a net total of around 125,000 jobs a month just to keep the unemployment rate stable. To push the jobless rate down to a more normal 5 percent range, it would take stronger job growth — of at least 200,000 jobs a month. Economists say it might take until 2013



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

**Zina Mixx, 44, who is homeless, fills out a job application Thursday in a South Florida Mobile Workforce van in Homestead, Fla. Mixx has been unemployed since April. Job losses slowed in July.**

to drive down the unemployment rate to 5 percent.

Yet the new figures were better than many analysts were expecting, and they signaled improvements to an economy that has been clobbered by the recession. Analysts had been forecasting that job losses would amount to around 320,000 and that the unemployment rate would tick up to 9.6 percent.

Stocks surged after the report was released. In midmorning trading, the Dow Jones industrial average jumped 152 points, or 1.6 percent, and other stock averages also gained more than 1 percent.

## GOP senator to step down in Florida

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Republican Sen. Mel Martinez of Florida said Friday he will resign from the Senate as soon as a replacement can be appointed, leaving the seat more than a year before his term ends.

Martinez, the only Hispanic Republican in the Senate, revealed his plans in a statement to supporters and was expected to publicly announce the decision Friday afternoon in Florida.

The first-term senator already had announced in December that he would not seek re-election in 2010, but had fended off rumors that he would give up the seat early.

His decision puts Republican Gov. Charlie Crist — who is running to replace him — in charge of filling the seat in the interim. Crist said Friday as he boarded a plane to Tampa that he would not appoint himself, but declined to discuss the issue further.

In a letter to supporters, Martinez says he's stepping down early for personal reasons.



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# Health club shooter's motivation is familiar

## Experts say mass killings are often meant to bring attention to perceived grievances

BY JOE MANDAK AND BEN DOBBIN  
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The man who went on a deadly shooting rampage at a Pittsburgh-area health club shares a chilling trait with other mass killers, an expert says: the desire to make their woes understood through multiple deaths.

No indication has surfaced that George Sodini had documented mental problems, but his massacre shares threads with others analyzed by psychiatrists and legal experts, who say the line between lonely and homicidal remains hard to place.

"They're thinking, 'I want everyone to understand and appreciate why I'm doing this,' and the way to do that, in their mind, is to kill other people and not just themselves," said New York attorney Carolyn Wolf, whose firm specializes in mental health issues. "In their mind it sends a broader message."

The 48-year-old Sodini fatally shot himself after killing three women and wounding nine others attending a weekly Latin dance aerobics class in Collier Township on Tuesday night. He wore black workout gear and fired three guns indiscriminately after shutting off the lights.

Killed were Heidi Overmier, 46, of Carnegie, a sales manager at an amusement park; Jody Billingsley, 37, of Mount Lebanon, who worked for a medical-supply company; and Elizabeth Gannon, 49, of Pittsburgh, an X-ray technician at Allegheny General Hospital.

Police say Sodini didn't know his victims. His scathing, 4,000-plus-word blog reads like a months-long diary lamenting his wrongful rejection by "30 million" American women and alluding to his plans.

Virginia Tech gunman Seung-Hui Cho issued a "message" railing about being overlooked by "snobs" and rich "brats" before his 2007 attack. Police uncovered that Jiverly Wong was led to kill 13 people and himself at a Binghamton, N.Y., immigration center in April by perceived police persecution, mock-

ery for poor English and psychosis.

Both Cho and Wong, however, had documented mental problems, but there's no indication yet Sodini did.

"These people get into a very self-centered, sometimes self-aggrandizing, often psychotic path that enables them, in their mind, to finally get the attention they crave," Wolf said.

In his Web diary, Sodini wrote his anger stemmed from unfulfilled desire, writing women at his gym "look so beautiful as to not be human."

Two undated videos apparently recorded by Sodini were posted online showing him talking about hiding his emotions and trying to "emotionally connect."

Alan Manevitz, a psychiatrist at New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell hospital, said the timing of such messages means everything.

"Someone who puts it out in advance may have ambivalence; they may want to be stopped," Manevitz said. "The guy who does it after the fact is leaving the explanation the diary of what it is that they're hoping will be understood in their very irrational mind."



Lauren Jakubovich prays outside the LA Fitness club, where she is a member, on Thursday.



PHOTOS BY GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

About 75 people attended a Thursday night vigil in Pittsburgh held in memory of three women killed in an exercise class at LA Fitness in Bridgeville, Pa. Police say a gunman opened fire after walking into the exercise class on Tuesday night.

# Filmmaker John Hughes dies after heart attack

BY HILLEL ITALIE  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The actors made famous by writer-director John Hughes are extolling his talents after his death, calling him influential and "one of the giants" for capturing the youth market in the 1980s and '90s with such favorites as "The Breakfast Club," "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and "Home Alone."

Hughes died of a heart attack during a Thursday morning walk in Manhattan, spokeswoman Michelle Bega said.

The 59-year-old was in New York to visit family.

A native of Lansing, Mich., who moved to suburban Chicago and set much of his work there, Hughes rose from comedy writer to ad writer to silver screen champ with his affectionate and idealized portraits of teens,



Hughes

whether the romantic and sexual insecurity of "Sixteen Candles," or the J.D. Salinger-esque rebellion against conformity in "The Breakfast Club."

Hughes' ensemble comedies helped make stars out of Molly Ringwald, Anthony Michael Hall, Ally Sheedy and many other young performers. He also scripted the phenomenally popular "Home Alone," which made little-known Macaulay Culkin a sensation as the 8-year-old accidentally abandoned by his vacationing family, and wrote or directed such hits as "National Lampoon's Vacation," "Pretty in Pink," "Planes, Trains & Automobiles" and "Uncle Buck."

"I was a fan of both his work and a fan of him as a person," Culkin said. "The world has lost not only a quintessential filmmaker whose influence will be felt for generations, but a great and decent man."

Other actors who got early breaks from Hughes included John Cusack ("Sixteen Candles"), Judd Nelson ("The Breakfast Club"), Steve Carell ("Curly Sue") and Lili Taylor ("She's Having a Baby").

Actor and director Bill Paxton credited Hughes for launching his career by casting him as bullying older brother Chet in the 1985 film "Weird Science."

"He took a tremendous chance on me," Paxton said. "Like Orson Welles, he was a boy wonder, a director's director, a writer's writer, a filmmaker's filmmaker. He was one of the giants."

Between 1984 and 1990, he wrote or directed more than a dozen hits.

He remained popular even when his key characters, in "Planes, Trains & Automobiles" and "Uncle Buck," were adults.

# Twitter strike may have been show of power

BY DAVID SARNO  
AND DAVID COLKER  
Los Angeles Times

Twitter, once derided as a frivolous way to tell friends what you are eating and when you're going to bed, has grown up.

The cyberattack that paralyzed the social networking service signaled that it had become big enough to attract the attention of malicious Internet hackers, who might have been motivated by profit.

No one knows for sure who was behind the "denial of service" strike that crippled Twitter for hours Thursday, and which also was aimed at popular Internet properties Facebook, Google and possibly YouTube.

Speculation as to the perpetrators ran from bored teenagers to hackers for hire.

Several security experts said

they saw the fingerprints of a sophisticated operation involving "botnets" — giant armies of personal computers that have been silently taken over by hackers, unbeknownst to their owners.

"Botnets are a very stable platform to engage in all sorts of cybercrime," said Thomas Holt, a professor at Michigan State University's school of Criminal Justice. For some hackers, using "Twitter as a target is a good way of measuring" a botnet's power.

By showcasing its disruptive effect, hackers can use the attack as a calling card for their services for anyone who wanted to derail a rival or send huge volumes of unwanted e-mail.

That could be for bragging rights or a more nefarious purpose. The hackers who crippled a service as prominent as Twitter could conceivably sell their

skills.

"They would be like hit men, but with digital packets instead of bullets," said Jerry Dixon, a security analyst with the nonprofit group Team Cymru.

Security analyst Beth Jones of the Sophos company said one theory was that the attack was caused by a botnet using a computer worm known as Koobface.

She doesn't think the worm was created for sport.

"This was no kid who wrote this," Jones said. "This was professionally written."

Once in place, the botnet could be used for underground commercial purposes, such as spreading vast amounts of spam e-mail.

A botnet works best when it's secret. Jones said this attack could be a case of a botnet going wild, perhaps because of a faulty update command.

Twitter said it was the victim of a "distributed denial of service" attack, a disruptive tactic in which outsiders attempt to overload a Web site with huge numbers of computer-generated requests. Those attacks are often generated by botnets.

Because sites have a limited capacity to handle incoming traffic, a deliberate deluge can cause servers to respond slowly to legitimate users, or not at all.

The attack was continuing as of early evening Thursday, though by that time much of the malicious traffic had been deflected, said Kazuhiro Gomi, chief operating officer of NTT America, the company that provides Twitter's Internet infrastructure.

Gomi said an attack capable of bringing down Twitter was "definitely one of the worst-case scenarios."





AP

Aboard the Learjet that crashed at Columbia Metropolitan Airport in Columbia, S.C., in September 2008, the pilots heard a noise and warned controllers they were going to crash just seconds before the fiery accident, according to transcripts released Friday.

## Pilots heard noises, warned tower S.C. crash was coming

By MEG KINNARD  
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The pilots of a Learjet that hurtled off a South Carolina runway heard a noise and warned controllers they were going to crash just seconds before the fiery accident killed four people and injured two celebrities, according to transcripts of the cockpit conversation released Friday.

What appeared to be a routine departure from Columbia Metropolitan Airport just before midnight Sept. 19 quickly became a disaster as the Learjet 60 made clicking noises that drew the attention of pilot Sarah Lemmon and her co-pilot, James Bland.

"What was that?" Bland asked. "I don't know," Lemmon said. "We're not going though."

Lemmon then cursed and slammed on the plane's brakes.

"What is going on here?" one of the pilots asked.

Bland told the air traffic control officials to prepare for a crash.

The plane shot off the end of the runway, ripped through a fence and crossed a highway before coming to rest in flames. Lemmon, Bland and two others were killed. Former Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker and DJ AM,

whose real name is Adam Goldstein, were injured and treated for burns.

The NTSB has not determined what caused the crash. But investigators have said there was little rubber left on the jet's wheels and the brakes were badly damaged.

Aviation authorities have said the recordings showed the crew thought a tire had blown, but that was not obvious in the transcript. The NTSB has said pieces of tire were recovered about 2,800 feet from where the plane started its takeoff.

The jet's owner, Inter Travel & Services Inc. of Irvine, Calif., and its operator, Global Exec Aviation Inc. of Long Beach, Calif., have sued the airport, arguing that the design of the area beyond the runway contributed to the seriousness of the crash. The companies claim there was not enough room for the plane to stop, that a fence damaged the jet's fuel tanks, and that the plane crashed into a raised roadway embankment.

The companies have also sued Learjet Inc., Bombardier Aerospace Corp. and Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. for more than \$12 million in damages, blaming manufacturers' designs.

At least four other lawsuits have been filed.

# Air sensors seen posing flight hazard

## Malfunction found during probe of Air France crash

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — On at least a dozen recent flights by U.S. jetliners, malfunctioning equipment made it impossible for pilots to know how fast they were flying, federal investigators have discovered.

A similar breakdown is believed to have played a role in the Air France crash into the Atlantic that killed all 228 people aboard in June.

The discovery suggests the equipment problems are more widespread than previously believed. And it gives new urgency to airlines already scrambling to replace air sensors and figure out how the errors went undetected despite safety systems.

The equipment failures, all involving Northwest Airlines Airbus A330s, were brief and were noticed only after safety officials began investigating June's Air France crash and two other recent in-flight malfunctions.

All malfunctions under investigation involved planes with sensors made by the European electronics giant Thales Corp. The Air France crash called into question the reliability of the sensors and touched off a rush to replace them.

Many companies, however, simply replaced them with another Thales model. As it became clear the problem was more widespread, Airbus and European regulators told companies to replace at least two of the three sensors on each plane with models made by North Carolina-based Goodrich Corp. The planes can continue flying while the switch is made.



AP

Workers unload debris from crashed Air France flight AF447 at a Brazilian port in June. More Airbus A330s have shown the same speed-reading problems blamed for the flight's crash.

Thales officials have previously said the company's sensors were made to Airbus specifications.

The Northwest incidents were discovered when Delta Air Lines, which merged with Northwest last year, reviewed archived flight data for its fleet of 32 Airbus A330s, the people close to the inquiry said. All the planes involved landed safely.

Morgan Durrant, a spokesman for the only other U.S. airline that operates A330s, US Airways, said it had not seen similar problems in its 11-plane fleet of the jetliners.

Delta/Northwest and US Airways recently completed replacing older Thales tubes with new Thales tubes. The companies say they are now replacing them with Goodrich tubes.

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# What a difference a name makes for Afghan children

## In N.C. for medical treatment, kids from war zone drop family names, gain friends

By ALYSIA PATTERSON  
The Associated Press

**W**hen they step off the plane, the sick and injured Afghan children shed their surnames, stripping themselves of a label that often carries tribal or religious implications and enabling them to form friendships most once thought impossible.

Friendships with children from other tribes and faiths, children they might otherwise grow up to fight.

And friendships with the Americans who take them in while doctors treat their wounds.

"In America, I'm learning every day," 17-year-old Zaman Rashid, who is from the embattled western province of Farah, said recently as he sat in front of a laptop at his host family's suburban home in Statesville. "I'm learning every day in Afghanistan, just I'm learning war — how to kill a person."

The Charlotte-based nonprofit Solace for the Children has been bringing groups of children, nearly three dozen this summer alone, from Afghanistan to North Carolina for medical treatment since 2007. Dick Wilson, a retired in-

surance agent and his wife, Patsy, a real estate agent, started the organization in 1996 by bringing children from Belarus affected by the Chernobyl nuclear accident to the U.S. for medical treatment. As the need there diminished, the Wilsons turned their focus to Afghanistan.

Along the way, they discovered that healing for the 50 children who have so far taken part doesn't stop after American doctors treat their physical injuries.

"When they got here we witnessed a phenomenon that took us by surprise. We learned that many of the children were from warring tribes," said Patsy Wilson. "They wouldn't have been speaking to each other at

all in Afghanistan."

During that first summer, the children decided among themselves to drop any part of their names that carried an ethnic, regional or religious implication. In the two summers since, organizers have encouraged the children to continue the practice.

When they dropped parts of their names, "everything relaxed," Wilson said.

Territory, resources, religion and political power contribute to conflict in Afghanistan that pits families against families, said Rick Barton, a co-director and senior



PHOTOS BY CHUCK BURTON/AP

**Zaman Rashid, right, greets Khan, a fellow Afghan, during a visit to a go-kart racing facility in Mooresville, N.C., in late July. The lives of nearly three dozen Afghan children spending the summer in North Carolina are being transformed by more than the medical care they're receiving and the time they spend with American families.**

adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

"The country has really been so torn apart," Barton said. "To survive over the last 20 years people had to do just about anything, to include killing their neighbor."

As the children learn to get along with one another, their American host families are learning from them. "He puts things into perspective for us," said Carole McCay, Rashid's host mother in North Carolina for the past three summers. "He's a wonderful child," she said. "He's our

son."

Rashid first came to America in 2007 to have a tumor removed from his sinus cavity. He returned this summer to have his soft palate restored after a botched surgery in Pakistan, and he's using his experiences to show the other kids how they can make peace in their country.

He's taught himself English and talks enthusiastically of life in the U.S. but anxiously about life in Afghanistan where he's been deafened by shoulder-fired rockets and seen police officers slain by Taliban fighters.

"Our lives in Farah, it's between death and life. We don't know if maybe we will die. It happens so fast," said Rashid, who wants to make a life in Afghanistan after college so he can help his country.

After the first stay with his host family was extended so he could recover from surgery, Rashid sent a note along with the departing children and asked the interpreter to read it aloud to them on the plane. "I told them, 'Don't think who's Shia, who's Sunni. We all are brothers,'" Rashid said. "We should love each other and we should start from here."



**Zaman Rashid pumps his fist as he races a go-kart.**

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# Gates attends soldier's funeral at Arlington

## Appearance was second as defense secretary

By KEVIN BARON  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Defense Secretary Robert Gates on Friday quietly attended the Arlington National Cemetery funeral of a soldier killed by gunfire in Afghanistan.

It was the second time that Gates, as secretary, has gone to an Arlington funeral for a fallen soldier from the current wars, spokesman Geoff Morrell said.

Even the family of Cpl. Benjamin S. Kopp, a 21-year old Army Ranger with the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, from Fort Benning, Ga., was unaware the secretary would be there, according to Morrell.

"He looks for all kinds of ways to honor the fallen," Morrell said, but in the "least disruptive manner possible."

Morrell said that Gates has asked his staff to provide photos and local news clippings of each U.S. fatality, and he also pens and signs his own letters of condolences to the families. As CIA director, Gates also would attend Arlington services for intelligence personnel.

The secretary often has looked visibly upset or spoken in a quivering voice when

speaking publicly of the sacrifices made by those killed under his watch.

Kopp, from Rosemount, Minn., was wounded last month in Afghanistan by insurgent small-arms fire, according to the Pentagon. A Minnesota Public Radio report said Kopp was shot twice on a special operations mission in Helmand province on July 10. He died from those wounds on July 18 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, in Bethesda, Md., though he never regained consciousness after the attack.

It was Kopp's third tour abroad, following two tours in Iraq.

Gates previously attended the funeral of Air Force Staff Sgt Phillip A. Myers at Arlington in April.

On March 16, Gates traveled unannounced to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware to view the return of flag-draped coffins for his first time, and in a Pentagon press conference two days later, he described the experience as "very difficult."

"I went to the back of the plane by myself and spent time with each of the transfer cases," the secretary said, before stopping for a long pause to gather himself. He has not returned to view a Dover arrival since that visit.

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SUSAN WALSH/AP

**Defense Secretary Robert Gates speaks with Jill Stephenson, mother of Army Cpl. Benjamin Stephen Kopp, during Friday's funeral service for Kopp at Arlington Cemetery in Arlington, Va.**



## TV Listing

Central Europe	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12:00 AM	This Week in the Pentagon	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	-
12:30 AM	Army Newswatch	This Week in the Pentagon	FNG	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon	DownRange	Grill Sergeants, The
01:00 AM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
01:30 AM	DownRange	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	This Week in the Pentagon
02:00 AM	-	Recon	Recon Revisited	FNG	Recon Revisited	Recon Revisited	USARJ This Week
02:30 AM	-	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	Grill Sergeants, The	FNG
03:00 AM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
03:30 AM	FNG	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	Battleground
03:45 AM	-	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	-
04:00 AM	This Week in the Pentagon	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon	Grill Sergeants, The	FNG	FNG	Recon Revisited
04:30 AM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
05:00 AM	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground
05:30 AM	EXchange On Air	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Today's Air Force
06:00 AM	All Hands TV	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	FNG
06:30 AM	This Week in the Pentagon	DownRange	DownRange	DownRange	DownRange	DownRange	Army Newswatch
07:00 AM	Recon Revisited	FNG	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report
07:15 AM	-	-	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report
07:30 AM	American Veteran, The	Recon	EXchange On Air	Recon	Balad and Beyond	Recon Revisited	Grill Sergeants, The
08:00 AM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
08:30 AM	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground
09:00 AM	This Week in the Pentagon	Tour of Duty	Today's Air Force	American Veteran, The	Grill Sergeants, The	Army Newswatch	Fit Hood On Track
09:30 AM	Army Newswatch	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon	Recon Revisited	FNG	EXchange On Air	This Week in the Pentagon
10:00 AM	Grill Sergeants, The	VA News	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Recon
10:15 AM	-	Pacific Report	-	-	-	-	-
10:30 AM	USARJ This Week	DownRange	DownRange	DownRange	DownRange	DownRange	Recon Revisited
11:00 AM	Recon	EXchange On Air	This Week in the Pentagon	Fit Hood On Track	This Week in the Pentagon	Today's Air Force	Army Newswatch
11:30 AM	FNG	Army Newswatch	FNG	Today's Air Force	American Veteran, The	All Hands TV	This Week in the Pentagon
12:00 PM	Today's Air Force	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Grill Sergeants, The
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01:00 PM	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground
01:30 PM	Recon Revisited	Recon	Recon Revisited	Recon	Recon Revisited	Recon Revisited	Balad and Beyond
02:00 PM	This Week in the Pentagon	This Week in the Pentagon	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	All Hands TV
02:30 PM	National Guard News	Grill Sergeants, The	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report
02:45 PM	-	-	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report
03:00 PM	Around the Services	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Army Newswatch
03:30 PM	Around the Services	Recon Revisited	USARJ This Week	This Week in the Pentagon	Grill Sergeants, The	All Hands TV	Today's Air Force
04:00 PM	Around the Services	Today's Air Force	Grill Sergeants, The	Tour of Duty	Army Newswatch	Today's Air Force	Recon
04:30 PM	Around the Services	DownRange	DownRange	DownRange	DownRange	DownRange	This Week in the Pentagon
05:00 PM	Around the Services	Pacific Report	This Week in the Pentagon	EXchange On Air	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon	FNG
05:15 PM	-	AFN Europe Report	-	-	-	-	-
05:30 PM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
06:00 PM	Benning Report, The	Grill Sergeants, The	Recon	Today's Air Force	American Veteran, The	Grill Sergeants, The	Around the Services
06:30 PM	Grill Sergeants, The	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services
07:00 PM	VA News	DownRange	DownRange	DownRange	DownRange	DownRange	Around the Services
07:15 PM	Pacific Report	-	-	-	-	-	-
07:30 PM	This Week in the Pentagon	All Hands TV	Today's Air Force	This Week in the Pentagon	All Hands TV	AFN Europe Report	Around the Services
07:45 PM	-	-	-	-	-	Pacific Report	-
08:00 PM	Army Newswatch	Recon	Recon Revisited	Grill Sergeants, The	Recon Revisited	EXchange On Air	Around the Services
08:30 PM	FNG	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	1st Air Force Now
09:00 PM	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground
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From left: "Family" members Sandra Good, Bruce Davis and Steve Grogan, Charles Manson, Robert Beausoleil, Lynette Fromme and Catherine Share, all in 1970.

# MANSON 'FAMILY' LEGACY

40 years after the Tate-LaBianca murders, members of deadly cult are still haunted by the past

By LINDA DEUTSCH  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Forty years ago, they were kids. Vulnerable, alienated, running away from a world wracked by war and rebellion. They turned to a cult leader for love and wound up tied to a web of unimaginable evil.

They were part of Charles Manson's "Family" and now, on the brink of old age, they are the haunted.

"I never have a day go by that I don't think about it, especially about the victims," says Barbara Hoyt who was 17 the summer of the Sharon Tate-LaBianca murders. "I've long ago accepted the fact it will never go away."

The ones who aren't in prison are scattered across the country. Some live under assumed names to hide their past from friends and business associates. Some have undergone surgery to remove the "X" that Manson ordered them to carve on their foreheads, showing they were "X"ed out of society. Some live with endless regret.

Those who escaped taking part in the spasm of terror that snuffed out at least nine lives would seem to be lucky. But their lives have been linked forever to one of the craziest mass murders in history.

"Manson made a lot of victims besides the ones he killed," said Catherine Share, who once lived with the Manson Family under the nickname "Gypsy." "He destroyed lives. There are people sitting in prison who wouldn't be there except for him. He took all of our lives."

It was 1969, the summer of the first moon landing. War was raging in Vietnam. Hippies were in the streets of San Francisco, the last bastion of the waning counterculture movement.

But for many, that summer is remembered for one thing — the most shocking celebrity murders to ever hit Los Angeles.

The most famous, actress Sharon Tate, 26, the pregnant wife of director Roman Polanski, had been stabbed multiple times. But there were four others that day, Aug. 9, and two more the next.

Abigail Folger, 25, heiress to a coffee fortune; Jay Sebring, 35, celebrity hair stylist; Voytek Frykowski, 32, a Polish film director; and Steven Parent, 18, friend of the caretaker, were found stabbed or shot. On the



The Benedict Canyon estate where actress Sharon Tate was murdered along with four others in 1969.



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From left: The five victims slain the night of Aug. 9, 1969, at the Benedict Canyon estate of director Roman Polanski: Voytek Frykowski, Sharon Tate, Stephen Parent, Jay Sebring and Abigail Folger.

front door, the victims' blood was used to scrawl the words, "Death to Pigs."

A similar murder scene was discovered the next night.

Wealthy grocer Leno La Bianca, 44, and his wife, Rosemary, 38, were found stabbed to death in their home across town. The words "Helter Skelter" were written in blood on the refrigerator.

It would be more than three months before the name Charles Manson was linked to the crimes.

"It was a real-life horror story," recalled Stephen Kay, who helped prosecute the Manson Family. "Manson is the real-life Freddie Krueger."

Those cult members lucky enough not to have killed for Manson on Aug. 9-10, 1969, have spent decades trying to bury their past and free themselves from his grasp.

Some never succeeded. Sandra Good and Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme committed crimes later that they said were for Manson and went to federal prison.

When Good, 65, was paroled she moved near the maximum security prison that holds Manson, reportedly so she could "feel his vibes."

In 1969, there were perhaps 30 of them, a ragtag band of runaways and dropouts living on a movie ranch in the San Fernando Valley, all loyal to a shaggy-haired con man who preached a gospel of violence. Five of the "Family" members and Manson are in prison for the infamous Tate-LaBianca murders. Three are in prison for others crimes, and two have been released.

Those who are free are still trying to sort out how they fell under his spell and how they came so close to one of the worst crimes of

the 20th century. This is the anniversary of their nightmare.

They were very young when they found Manson — or he found them. Some were just 14. Others were in their late teens and early 20s.

Share muses how she might have been a lawyer or journalist had she never met Manson.

"We were just a bunch of kids looking for love and attention and a different way to live," recalls Share, 66. "He was everything to us. He was a con, a manipulator of the worst kind."

"Everyone wants to make [the followers who killed for Manson] monsters," said Share. "They weren't monsters. They did a monstrous thing and now they're older people and they're not monsters anymore. None of those people ever would have been violent if it weren't for Manson."

## Manson ally and would-be Ford assassin to be paroled

By JUAN A. LOZANO  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Charles Manson follower convicted of attempting to assassinate President Gerald Ford is set to be released from a federal prison in Texas later this month after serving more than 30 years behind bars.



Fromme

Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme was a 26-year-old disciple of the cult murderer Manson when she aimed a semiautomatic .45-caliber pistol at Ford in September 1975 in Sacramento, Calif. Secret Service agents grabbed her and Ford was unhurt.

Fromme, now 60, is scheduled to be released on parole from the Federal Medical Center Carswell in Fort Worth on Aug. 16, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the court-appointed attorney who represented her at trial.

Fromme, who got a life term, became the first person sentenced under a special federal law covering assaults on U.S. presidents, a statute enacted after the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Ford was walking to the California State Capitol from his hotel when Fromme pushed through the crowd, drew the pistol from a holster on her thigh and pointed it at the president as he shook hands with well-wishers. She was restrained by Secret Service agents who wrested the gun away from her and led the president to safety.

Fromme, one of Charles Manson's "family" of followers, was not implicated in the famous murder of actress Sharon Tate and eight others in 1969.



## FACES

# Rocker Tyler topples from stage

## Aerosmith vocalist hospitalized after fall in Sturgis, S.D.

**A**erosmith's Steven Tyler suffered head, neck and shoulder injuries in a tumble from the stage at an outdoor concert and joked about the fall as he was loaded into the helicopter to be taken to a hospital, a concert spokesman said Thursday.

Some audience members thought it was part of his hip-shaking performance at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally until the singer didn't get up.

Tyler, 61, fell while entertaining the crowd by dancing around after the sound system failed during the song "Love in an Elevator," said Mike Sanborn, spokesman for the Buffalo Chip Campground, which hosted the concert.

Sanborn said early Thursday that Tyler suffered head, neck and shoulder injuries, but it wasn't clear how seriously he was hurt. He was airlifted to Rapid City Regional Hospital, Sanborn said.

As of Friday, Aerosmith had postponed at least one of its weekend concerts.

Tyler was dancing Wednesday on a catwalk that was connected to the main stage. An amateur video showed him spinning around before falling off the stage.

— The Associated Press

## Streisand plans auction

Want to lounge in Barbra Streisand's wicker chair? Perhaps wear one of her designer dresses or tickle the keys of her baby grand piano?

Your chance is coming in October, when Streisand will auction more than 400 personal items to benefit her charity.

"What good does it do in storage?" the 67-year-old entertainer said. "Let someone else enjoy it. These things, they're not forever. We pass them on and reap the benefits for something important."

A collector throughout her career, Streisand is selling costumes from her films, including a dress from "Funny Lady," a robe from "The Way We Were" and several outfits from "Meet the Fockers."

— The Associated Press

## Bloodsuckers betrothed

Yet again, life has imitated art.

Stephen Moyer, 39, the Brit actor who plays the nice, polite vampire Bill on HBO's "True Blood," has become engaged to his on-screen lover, Anna Paquin, 27, People says. Paquin plays the telepathic waitress and all-around sweetheart Sookie Stackhouse, who falls for Bill.

— The Philadelphia Inquirer



AP file

**Aerosmith rocker Steven Tyler fell off the stage Aug. 5 while performing the song "Love In an Elevator" in Sturgis, S.D. Tyler was then taken to a hospital.**

## Burns turns attention to parks

Ken Burns says national parks evoke strong emotions for families, and he taps into them in his documentary about America's national parks.

Burns said during a visit to Maine's Acadia National Park that the parks evoke "really powerful memories of families and these memories are as powerful as any they have had."

He told the Bangor Daily News on Wednesday that he hopes to convey people's emotional connection to the land as well as the history of the park system.

The six-part "The National Parks: America's Best Idea" will premiere stateside Sept. 27 on PBS. Burns' films include "The Civil War," "Jazz" and "Baseball."

— The Associated Press

## Hot dish

Actor Ernest Borgnine has been honored for lifetime achievement by the Rhode Island International Film Festival. The star of television's "McHale's Navy" was to receive the award Friday at a Providence screening of his new film, "Another Harvest Moon." Borgnine, 92, is best known for playing the skipper of a Navy PT boat in a TV sitcom set during World War II. The show ran from 1962 to 1966.

Tom Sizemore has been arrested in Los Angeles for alleged domestic violence. Police spokesman Richard French says the 47-year-old actor was arrested Wednesday night. Jail records show Sizemore was released Thursday morning.

— The Associated Press

## THE PRINCE OF POP (ART)



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**Andy Warhol's green portrait of Michael Jackson goes on display Aug. 5 in the British Music Experience exhibition at the O2 center in London. The portrait will soon be auctioned, with an opening bid of \$800,000.**



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## No marriage for Pitt

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie know what they have, and have nothing to prove. So says Pitt in a chat with Parade magazine.

"I have love in my life, a soul mate — absolutely," he says.

So why not marry? Brad says he might marry when "it's legal for everyone else," in a reference to the gay marriage issue. Pitt adds that he was amused when he "heard this TV reverend say that Angie and I were setting a bad example because we were living out of wedlock."

Would he react negatively if any of his kids were gay? Pitt: "No, not one bit."

— The Philadelphia Inquirer



## Rock shows heart

Kid Rock is helping a pizza delivery driver critically injured during a robbery.

Spokesman Nick Stern says the rocker sent the delivery driver a \$1,500 check after reading about the attack in The Cincinnati Enquirer while in the southern Ohio city last month for a concert.

Harry Colyer, 28, told police he was beaten with a brick and a wooden plank July 20 while on a delivery. He has had surgery on his cheekbones and nose and now has a slight hearing loss.

Stern says the musician likes to quietly help people in need.

— The Associated Press



AP

## Kurkova expecting

According to Czech supermodel Karolina Kurkova, pregnancy is the latest trend in fashion.

"You know, it's probably the new thing to be pregnant. It's not to have the Chanel python bag. It's to be pregnant," she says.

Kurkova isn't kidding. The 25-year-old joins fellow Victoria Secret models Adriana Lima, Gisele Bundchen and Heidi Klum, who are also expecting.

This will be the first child for Kurkova, who plays a runway model-turned-spy in "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra," and her film producer-fiance, Archie Drury.

— The Associated Press



## 'Idol' time for Posh

Victoria Beckham will be a guest judge on "American Idol."

Her spokeswoman, Cheryl Maisel, says Beckham, also known as Posh Spice and formerly of the British band The Spice Girls, will appear on one episode of the audition portion of the TV singing competition, which begins its new season in January. Musician Katy Perry was also mentioned as a possible guest judge.

Beckham's manager is "American Idol" creator Simon Fuller.

— The Associated Press



# Walter Scott's Personality PARADE®

**Q** Why does David Letterman sometimes run across the stage at the start of the "Late Show"? — George Bullock, Tampa, Fla.

**A** Because he can. Actually, Dave began the habit soon after he recovered from quintuple-bypass surgery in 2000, perhaps to prove to himself and his audience how much better he felt. Having once again reached the top of the late-night TV ratings, maybe he should consider a victory lap as well.

**Q** For years, I've tried to find out more about the blue-and-white takeout coffee cup I've seen in movies like "Men in Black." Could you help me, please? — Evelyn Dolly, Kaufman, Texas

**A** Glad you asked! Walter Scott, a proud New Yorker, has the answer right in his hand: The cup you saw on Linda Fiorentino's desk in "Men in Black" and elsewhere was designed by the Sherri Cup Co. of Kensington, Conn., in the mid-1960s. Made specifically for New York City's hundreds of Greek coffee shops, this once-ubiquitous artifact is quickly growing scarcer due to the rise of various mega coffee chains.



**For all of his model girlfriends and Academy Award nominations, Leonardo DiCaprio had humble beginnings on popular sit-coms.**

**Q** Watching a rerun of "Roseanne," I could have sworn I saw Leonardo DiCaprio sitting at a table in Darlene's school. Was that really him? — Randall Wise, Chico, Calif.

**A** You have sharp eyes, Mr. Wise. Leonardo DiCaprio is a very well-traveled actor, with an extensive television career before he made it big in the movies. In 1991 and 1992, he played Luke Brower on 22 episodes of "Growing Pains." He also appeared in exactly one episode of "Roseanne" — the one you saw — as Darlene's classmate, in 1991.

**Q** Why are my tax dollars going to pay a poet laureate when nobody reads poetry? — Jeff Kawabata, Omaha, Neb.

**A** "It is difficult to get the news from poems/yet men die miserably every day/for lack of what is found there," wrote the great American poet William Carlos Williams. (We hope you'll look him up!) While it's true that not many people read poetry, they'd probably get a lot out of it if they gave it a try. The current U.S. poet laureate, Californian Kay Ryan, earns all of \$35,000. But fret not: Her stipend is funded from a private endowment, not tax revenues.

**Q** I see Brooke Shields on so many different TV shows and commercials. Isn't she afraid of overexposure? — F. Dunstan, Hanover, Md.

**A** Apparently not.



**This photo of ubiquitous actress Brooke Shields could have been taken anywhere!**



NBC

**No relation: Actresses Maura Tierney (pictured) and '40s-era actress Gene Tierney.**

**Q** It seems every star you read about — Sean Penn, Julia Roberts, Madonna, George Clooney, Barbra Streisand — uses his or her celebrity as a bully pulpit to espouse liberal views. Are there more than a handful of conservative celebrities out there? — Faye Padgett, Colorado Springs, Colo.

**A** Many more than a handful, Ms. P. — dozens. Just a sampling: musicians Sara Evans, Ted Nugent and John Rich; athletes John Elway and Curt Schilling; and actors Robert Duvall, Kelsey Grammer, Angie Harmon, Patricia Heaton, Jon Voight, Gary Sinise and Janine Turner. And let's not forget the governor of California ...



**Schwarzenegger — one of many preachy celebs.**

**Q** About how many baseballs does a major league team use per season? — Salvatore Buchetto, Stamford, Conn.

**A** A lot. John Silverman, equipment manager for the Florida Marlins, says a big-league ball lasts just three to four pitches. During an average game, up to eight dozen

are used. Over a 162-game season, therefore, the 30 major league teams together use more than 220,000 balls. That's good news for Rawlings, maker of the official major league baseball.

**Q** Maura Tierney of "E.R." looks a lot like '40s actress Gene Tierney. Any relation? — J. McDaniel, Folsom, Calif.

**A** No. But (see previous question) Tierney can lay claim to having been fired from "Growing Pains." More seriously, we wish the actress, who is undergoing treatment for a breast tumor, all good wishes for a quick recovery. Her condition has delayed the premiere of her new NBC series, "Parenthood," from September to early next year.

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**It takes a lot of Rawlings baseballs to get through a major league season.**



# Sunday Horoscope

The Pisces moon is a soulful influence, encouraging us to go deeper into the meaning of things. There are no accidents. No action is meaningless. If you intend to break the code, the secrets of life will be revealed to you. Ask for wisdom and understanding, then you will be able to recognize the symbols and read the signs.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 9).** You will live powerfully and peacefully. This is because you are open to the very people who will help you grow to be your best self. Love is a healer this month. There's a windfall in September. December invites are stellar. Your career path will be a source of excitement once you're over October's minor hurdles. Scorpio and Virgo adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You'll be tolerant and forgiving of someone dear. You see the sweetness and dignity in this person, even when his or her behavior is less than optimal. That's real love.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You're not in the mood to fight for what you want. There must be a better way — perhaps a trade you can make, or a palm you can grease. The options are as limitless as your imagination.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** There is security in friendship, no matter how casual the tie may be. Even though you refuse to lean on your friends by asking for favors or emotionally relying on them, it's nice to know that you could if you needed to.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Document your life. Any story worth telling is worth writing down. When you put pen to paper now (or fingers to a computer keyboard), you will be completing a cycle and finding truth, beauty and sense in your life thus far.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Your family dynamic is strong these days and this affects you favorably. You are the one who can put all of this energy to good use. Powerful personalities join forces with you to promote a proj-

ect or help out a cause.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** There's a puzzle to be solved in your personal life. You won't find the answer all in one day. However, the pieces you put together now will lead you to a big "aha" moment.

## Holiday Mathis



**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You are interested in the reality beyond the one that everyone acknowledges. Those who have special knowledge will intrigue you. Abstract and speculative thinking will lead to brilliant conclusions.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You will appear to others to have

special luck, as the rules will be bent for you, and things will come easily. It's really because you're so present in the moment that you're able to see opportunities that others miss.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You might fear that if you have great deal of structure around your activities or a number of rules you want others to follow that you'll come off as bossy or demanding. Actually, people feel secure when you take the lead.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Overthinking your process or worrying about the timing of things is a waste of mental energy. Trust that things will get done and that everything is working out for the highest good.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Your originality will be strikingly apparent. You don't see the same thing other people see in a scene. It's beautiful how oblivious to convention you can be. When you express your unique view, you'll stand out in a good way.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** In some ways it seems that work has become a home away from home, and domestic life is an endless line of labor-intensive projects. Blow off some of your duties to get back in touch with your sense of fun.

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# Woman fighting aging skin can have it made in the shade

**Dear Abby:** I know you're not a beauty consultant, but I'm hoping you can help me. I'm a middle-aged woman with a small income and aging skin. What can a woman who cannot afford cosmetic procedures do about this inevitable problem?

My medical insurance will not cover Botox or surgery.

A number of celebrities endorse "anti-aging" products on television.

The over-the-counter ones I have tried have not helped. Any suggestions?

— Faithful Reader, Utica, N.Y.

**Dear Reader:** I'll share some advice my mother — who still has beautiful skin at 91 — shared with me after she noticed the faces of her golfing and sun-worshipping friends were beginning to look like leather: *Shun the sun.*

Dermatologists have also mentioned that nothing ages skin like exposure to sunlight — unless it's smoking.

So when you're outside, "preserve your assets" by always wearing sunscreen and a wide-brimmed hat, even if it's overcast.

Also, because a celebrity has

her name on a product is no guarantee that it will work. The best beauty secret I know is a good dermatologist.

So save your pennies until you have enough to consult one. Dermatologists offer products that are not sold in stores, and can help you select something that will work for you.

## Dear Abby



**Dear Abby:** At what age should a child be taught to write thank-you notes for gifts?

I had my children writing thank-you notes as soon as they could write. My sister-in-law still writes thank-you notes or e-mails for her 22-year-old son.

Shouldn't he be doing that for himself at this point?

— Questioning Auntie in Cranford, N.J.

**Dear Questioning:** Absolutely. Your nephew should have been taught the art of writing thank-you notes at the same age that your children were. Your sister-in-law has done her son no favors by allowing him to depend on her to do it for him because I'm sure you are not the only person to receive one from her and find it peculiar.

**Dear Abby:** My grandfather

left me money from his life insurance policy, but left none to my sister. The money could help me get our family out of debt, purchase a house and pay for my son's education.

My sister has repeatedly made poor choices and expected others to clean up after her. Word got out that I received the inheritance, and I was told I should give her some. I know in the back of my mind that she'll do something stupid with it.

Grandpa left me the money — not my sister. Why do I feel so guilty about deciding not to give my sister the money?

— Money Blues in Michigan

**Dear Money Blues:** Close your eyes and clear your mind. Ask yourself that question and then speak the first words that pop into your head without censoring and you'll have your answer.

Who told you you should give your sister some of the money? Your sister? Your mother? Please remember that your grandfather left the money to you — and only you — for a reason. And it may have been that he had already cleaned up a mess or two for your sister in the past.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby> Universal Press Syndicate

# Man's admission is old truth: Sex trade will always thrive

My boyfriend of a year is wonderful, intelligent, kind, and hilarious. He told me he'd never been in love until meeting me, and while he'd had more sex partners than he'd like to admit, before me, it was all meaningless. Then, yesterday, I read an article about

bought you somebody.

Your boyfriend apparently got so wrapped up in reminiscing that he forgot to check your face for a look of horror — his cue to start an Olympic-style backpedal: "... and I took one look at that skanky ho, sped home, made hot cocoa, and read the collected Beatrix Potter!" Actually, he probably wasn't scoring drive-by sex from whichever meth-head in hotpants was working the alley; he most likely found a number in the paper or on a website for an escort — essentially a gold digger with an advertising budget.

Retired escort-turned-author

Amanda Brooks explains the difference in "The Internet Escort's Handbook, Book 2": "If you are selling your time, undivided attention, and the (unspoken) offer of sexual entertainment, you're an escort. If you're selling a specific sexual activity for a certain amount of money, you're a prostitute. If you won't have sex with the man you're dating unless he buys you an expensive dinner, you're a (relatively cheap) prostitute."

The truth is, to a guy, a hooker isn't all that different from a hook-up. Men can have sex without knowing where a woman grew up, what her sign is, and all the

ways her cat is like a dog. Men ask about that stuff because women typically require some emotional connection before they'll get it on. But, unless a guy's seeking something girlfriend-y, all he really needs to know is: Is she hot, free around 8, and will she take the credit card he gets frequent flyer miles on?

Society and religion say it's wrong to pay for sex, but maybe it's worse to do what a lot of guys do: fool girls into thinking they're up for commitment when they only want to use 'em and lose 'em. Your boyfriend, on the other hand, was honest. He had a need, and he paid to fill it: Cash and Carrie (and Candee, Tifani, and Jazmin, too)! It's natural that you'd feel threatened. Throughout history, women have made men pay for sex with commitment. If strings-free sexcapades are so readily available to your boyfriend, what hold could you possibly have? Well, just read your words above. Your boyfriend's sex acts six years back don't seem to impact how he lives today, except maybe in how grateful he is for the happy ending — the kind a guy just can't buy, no matter how many hundreds he stacks on the dresser.

Got a problem? Write Amy Alkon, 171 Pier Ave., #280, Santa Monica, CA 90405, or e-mail [AdviceAmy@aol.com](mailto:AdviceAmy@aol.com) ([www.advicegoddess.com](http://www.advicegoddess.com))

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## Islamic school allowed to expand

**VA** FAIRFAX — The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has granted a zoning exemption that will allow a Saudi-funded academy to expand its campus.

The board emphasized that the decision was made on zoning issues, not what goes on in the classrooms of the Islamic Saudi Academy.

Some neighbors were against the expansion because of traffic worries. Others opposed the plans because of ideological concerns.

The academy, founded in 1984, has some 1,000 students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

The school's religious curriculum has been revised repeatedly to remove passages that extolled militant jihad and martyrdom. In 2007, at least one textbook still said that the killing of adulterers and apostates was "justified."

Critics of the academy say most of the offensive material has been taken out. But they say the textbooks clearly remain guided by Wahhabism, the fundamentalist school of Sunni Islam that is dominant in Saudi Arabia.

## Tree branch falls, kills woman jogging in park

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — A woman jogging in a Philadelphia park was killed by a falling tree branch just days after a similar incident in New York's Central Park left a man comatose.

Chief Inspector Scott Small said a 30-foot-long branch fell on the woman from 50 feet above, killing her instantly.

The woman was identified as 23-year-old Mary Katherine Ladany, who lived in the Roxborough section of Philadelphia and taught last year at Dobbins Technical High School in North Philadelphia.

The incident occurred days after a Manhattan computer engineer walking to work through Central Park was hit on the head by a 100-pound rotted tree branch.

## Family claims to visit 52 zoos in 52 weeks

**OH** COLUMBUS — It has been a wild year for members of an Ohio family who say they've accomplished a goal to visit 52 zoos in 52 weeks.

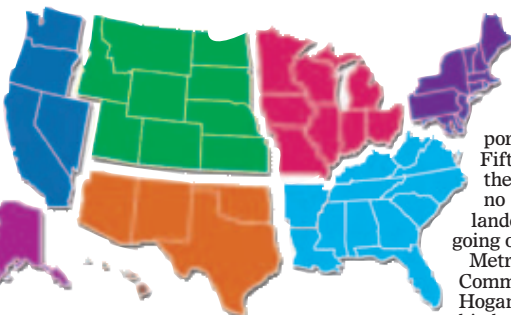
Marla Taviano of Columbus, her husband and three daughters started Aug. 1, 2008, with the Louisville Zoo in Kentucky and spent weekends and vacations going to zoos across the country, including the Dallas Zoo, New York's Central Park Zoo and the San Diego Zoo.

Taviano said she got the idea while trying to think of an adventure that would feel like traveling the world and seeing exotic creatures, but on a budget.

The family's 22,000-mile tour ended with a visit to their hometown Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.

## Intervenors in power line case to be limited

**WV** CHARLESTON — The West Virginia Public Service Commission has limited how many people can call witnesses and introduce evidence during hearings on a proposed high-voltage power line.



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Because more than 250 residents or companies have been given so-called intervenor status in the case, the PSC says individual intervenors will be allowed to take part only through groups based on the county where they live.

Evidentiary hearings on the Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline, are scheduled to start early next year. The joint venture of Allegheny Energy Co. and American Electric Power Co., would run from Putnam County, across parts of northern Virginia and end at a substation near Kempstown, Md.

## Convict charged with robbing same bank

**NJ** UPPER TOWNSHIP — A Pennsylvania man who served nearly six years in prison for robbing a southern New Jersey bank has been arrested in a recent robbery of the same bank.

John Millison, 55, of Drexel Hill, Pa., was arrested by FBI and state and local police on charges in the robbery of a PNC Bank branch in Upper Township near Ocean City, N.J. He also was charged with robbing a supermarket pharmacy the same day as the bank.

Millison had been released from prison in November after serving a sentence in the 2003 robbery of the bank.

## Northwest jet blows 5 tires on landing

**MIN** MINNEAPOLIS — A Northwest Airlines jet blew five tires as it landed at the



## Water therapy

A turtle swims in a holding pond at the Turtle Hospital in Marathon, Fla. Turtles at the waterfront hospital have been hit by boat propellers, caught in fishing nets, attacked by sharks, stricken with tumors, lost flippers or, as their veterinarian puts it, they've had a heck of a lot of luck.

Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, closing a runway for a few hours.

No injuries were reported in the incident. Fifteen employees were on the plane, but there were no passengers. The plane landed without crashing or going off the runway.

Metropolitan Airports Commission spokesman Pat Hogan said the pilot reported his brakes were overheating.

Airplanes have dual wheels like semitrailers that provide stability if tires blow, said Hogan who added that the plane was arriving in Minnesota to prepare for future flights.

## Pest found in package had citrus disease

**CA** FRESNO — Tests on a bug found by a dog sniffing packages at a FedEx facility showed it carried a disease capable of devastating California's citrus industry, agricultural official said.

State officials believe the citrus industry escaped potential disaster because the bug leaves carrying the bug were still inside the package at the Fresno airport.

U.S. Department of Agriculture tests confirmed the live Asian citrus psyllid nymph found in the leaves last month was infected with the Huanglongbing virus — the first such find west of the Rockies. Huanglongbing, or citrus greening as it is commonly called, has killed tens of thousands of acres of citrus across Florida and Brazil and has caused billions of dollars in losses.

## School to review alcohol breath-testing policy

**RI** BARRINGTON — The Barrington School Committee is scheduled to refine language in a rule that mandates alcohol breath tests for all students attending high school dances.

One committee member, who was absent for the vote, said he was surprised the committee voted on such a controversial issue without a full board.

Chairman Jim Hasenfus told The Providence Journal the board was to meet to approve language that is more specific and said a breath testing device can only be used at the door at dances, proms and semifinals. Right now, students can only be tested if they are suspected of being drunk.

## State probes bulldozing of preservation area

**HI** HONOLULU — The developer of an Oahu condominium is under investigation after construction crews bulldozed into an area housing ancient Hawaiian petroglyphs and wetland.

KITV reported the state land department and attorney general's office are investigating. The developer may face fines for bulldozing part of the preservation area.

Developers of the Hale Alii condominium project plan to build 133 units in Hawaii Kai. Joe Brown of Hale Alii Development said his crews mistakenly encroached into a buffer zone around the preservation area. He said nothing significant was damaged, including petroglyphs.

State Sen. Clayton Hee said it's hard to assess damage to the petroglyphs because they're covered by the construction work.



## Natural bird bath

Birds take to the water in Sunset Park in Salina Kan.



## Lining up a pitch

Crystal Sheehan, 20, of Plainview, Minn., takes aim at the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America's 100th annual competition in Springfield, Ill. Sheehan is one of the few young players in the tournament's adult divisions. The average age of the 1,330 competitors is 53.



## Many hands, dirty work

The muddy hands of harvesters are grouped together after they weeded a lettuce bed at the Many Hands Organic Farm in Barre, Mass.





## Stable mates?

After a trip from San Jose to Vacaville, Calif., Katie, left, gives trailer mate Buddy a kiss on the cheek while their owner stops to grab some lunch.



## Demolition derby

A workman waters down the pieces of the old Medford, Ore., airport terminal as it's torn down. A new terminal opened in January.



## High-five with Sparky

Treyton Todd, 6, of Nampa, Idaho, gives Sparky the fire dog a high-five during the National Night Out celebration at the Gateway Crossing Apartments in Nampa.



## City shower

Kids escape the heat with an improvised shower near Broadway in Harlem on a hazy, hot and humid day in New York.

## School gets \$720,000 to work on hybrids

**VA** RICHMOND — A Virginia community college is getting federal stimulus funds to develop a curriculum for training technicians to work on hybrid and electric vehicles.

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College will receive \$720,000 for the program. It is one of 48 projects selected by the Department of Energy to receive some of \$2.4 billion in grants.

The three-year grant will allow the college to develop five courses focusing on electric vehicles, plug-in hybrids and fuel-cell electric vehicles. It also will offer an advanced electronics course focusing on electronic control systems for electric drive vehicles.

Business and Engineering Technologies school dean Bob Heinz said the courses will be provided in a distance learning format so the reach of the program will be national in scope.

## Man accused of stealing restaurants' cooking oil

**NH** PORTSMOUTH — A New Hampshire man has been accused of stealing cooking oil from restaurants in Maine.

Police said 38-year-old Michael Berton of Pelham was arrested in Ogunquit, Maine, with a tanker containing 8,200 gallons of vegetable oil. Police said that for more than a month, someone siphoned off leftover cooking oil from restaurants along Route 1 in Maine.

Two restaurant workers noticed Berton allegedly emptying the grease tanks one morning.

Waste collection businesses are hurting. One told police it estimated losses at more than \$1,200.

## Gunman indicted in death of monk seal

**HI** HONOLULU — A federal grand jury has indicted a 78-year-old Kauai man in the shooting death of an endangered Hawaiian monk seal in May.

The indictment was returned against Charles Vidinha, who is charged with violating the Endangered Species Act. If convicted, he faces a maximum one-year imprisonment and a \$50,000 fine.

According to court documents, a dead female monk seal was recovered at Pilaa Beach, a remote beach on Kauai's north shore.

Hawaiian monk seals are among the most endangered marine mammals in the world, with fewer than 1,200 remaining.

## Victim is identified decades after her death

**FL** FORT LAUDERDALE — A woman found slain a quarter century ago in Florida has been identified after relatives read about her case on a sheriff's Web site for unidentified victims.

Officials in the Broward Sheriff's Office said that the brother and sisters of Mary Ann Lambert led them to a positive identification of the woman's remains through the "Found and Forgotten" program. Lambert's body was found in a field in Pompano Beach in September 1983. She was 21 and police won't say how she died.

Authorities say a key clue was a front tooth that Lambert chipped as a child growing up in Brooklyn,

N.Y. Partial fingerprints that were resubmitted to a state lab in 2008 were also important. Detectives hope the break could help them solve the killing.

## Legendary N.Y. pizza comes at higher price

**NY** NEW YORK — It's a legendary slice, at a legendary price.

The crowds at Brooklyn's Di Fara Pizza are now paying more for their pizza pleasure. Owner Domenico DeMarco has raised the price of a cheese slice to \$5. A whole round pie is now \$25.

The 72-year-old makes every single pizza that comes out of the eatery. People endure long waits to get a slice.

## Postal Service proposes ban on cockfighting ads

**AR** LITTLE ROCK — The U.S. Postal Service has proposed banning cockfighting advertising from being sent through the mail.

Legal cockfighting ended in the U.S. last year when Louisiana outlawed it. But two magazines dedicated to the practice — The Gamecock and Grit and Steel — still are published.

The Postal Service has proposed labeling publications with ads for fighting birds or accessories as "unmailable." The agency said it will take comment on the proposal through the first week of September.

The Humane Society of the United States has been pushing for the change. But it noted that both magazines have largely eliminated accessories ads that would be banned.

## Street cars, SUV collide in San Francisco

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — Another light rail accident along San Francisco's transportation system is delaying commuters on the city's busy Market Street.

Officials said six people were injured in the crash, which involved two historic San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency street cars and an SUV.

The accident on the system's F line comes after 47 people were hurt in a July 18 crash involving two Muni trains from two other light rail lines.

None of the injuries appeared serious, but Muni spokesman Judson True said the driver of one of the trains was taken to the hospital for treatment of injuries that appeared to be not life-threatening.

## Marshals seize sanitizer made by Utah company

**DC** WASHINGTON — Officers with the U.S. Marshals Service have seized all skin sanitizers and skin protectants, including ingredients and components, at Clarcon Biological Chemistry Laboratory's facility in Roy, Utah, the Food and Drug Administration said.

The FDA also warned the public not to use any Clarcon products because they contain harmful bacteria and are promoted as antimicrobial agents that claim to treat open wounds and damaged skin and protect against various infectious diseases. No cases have been reported to the FDA.

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## OPINION

## Female sportswriters still not heard

By SUSAN REIMER

The Baltimore Sun

I think the president should invite Erin Andrews to the White House for a beer.

But if President Barack Obama wants to include the creepy peeping Tom who videotaped the ESPN reporter naked through a hole in her hotel room wall, plus all the clowns at Fox, CBS and the New York Post who televised the video or ran still pictures taken from it, he is going to need more than a picnic table on the White House lawn.

If the president is now refereeing community racial dust-ups, we ought to be able to count on him to step in when the national media and the world of sports demonstrate — 30 years after the courts granted women sports reporters equal status — that they haven't learned a thing.

Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. was taken from his own home in handcuffs. Andrews was videotaped while ironing, naked, in her hotel room. It is not hard for me to see who suffered the most harm: Gates is hailed as a martyr to the cause of racial profiling and gets a trip to the White

House for a beer with Obama and the white cop who arrested him. Andrews is written off as a bimbo who traded on her looks to land a job on sports television and is in seclusion.

A woman ran a seminal and nearly successful race for the Democratic nomination for president, and the Republican Party placed a woman on the national ticket for the first time. A woman is sitting in Walter Cronkite's chair. But give a woman a notebook or a microphone and ask her to report on sports and it becomes a gross-out contest for the numskull players and their overgrown frat-boy fans.

Before there was video of a naked Erin Andrews on the Internet, there was film of a college player pretending to grind up against her backside during a game while she stood, unaware, on the sidelines, concentrating on the papers in her hand. The fans went crazy, of course, and the player took a bow.

Apparently, not much has changed since I was a rookie sports reporter in 1979.

The U.S. District Court in New York ordered the New York Yankees to grant a female reporter from Sports Illustrated the same locker room access it granted male reporters, and Major League Baseball was forced to open its locker rooms to female reporters.

The Sun sent me to the Baltimore Orioles' locker room to report on the scene, and Manager Earl Weaver refused to let me enter unless I had a note from my father.

Later that same season, Weaver asked me, in front of my colleagues from the local and national media, if I got "horny" when I entered the locker room. In the stunned silence that followed this incredible remark, Weaver declared that I was probably a lesbian anyway.

That was 30 years ago, and generations of female sportswriters have entered the business since, but they are still being treated as if they are window-shopping while they work.

Instead of just a moment of humiliation in the locker room, female sports reporters are turning up on the Internet naked. Don't you love technology?

There is something about the mix of tele-



MATT SAYLES/AP

**ESPN reporter Erin Andrews recently was surreptitiously videotaped while ironing, naked, in her hotel room.**

vision, women and professional sports that is almost toxic, and it appears to numb the sensibilities of otherwise civilized men.

From the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders to Brandi Chastain's famous shirt-shedding moment in soccer. From the powerful pixies in gymnastics to the Williams sisters of tennis. Some men can't sort out the difference between looks and talent, or figure out how to respect a woman who has both.

But a naked video on the Internet? Pictures on the front page of the newspaper? Video clips on "Fox & Friends," "The O'Reilly Factor" and the CBS "Early Show"? (Watch your back, Katie Couric; your bosses are in the tank on this one.)

"It speaks to the voyeurism that is the media landscape today," said Karl Frisch, a senior fellow at Media Matters in Washington. "It would be a frightening place to be in the minds of people when they choose to run this kind of thing."

A report of the roasting Earl Weaver dealt me ended up in a national sports weekly. But at least I'd had my clothes on.

I spent the next three days holed up in my apartment, refusing to answer the door or the phone, trying to regain the nerve to face the world. My guess is, Erin Andrews is going to need more than a beer to get her through this.

Susan Reimer is a Baltimore Sun columnist.





## OPINION

# What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates.

## Speicher: Serving in death

### The Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel

At last, after what seemed like an eternity, family, friends and uniformed comrades know for sure that Capt. Michael "Scott" Speicher died serving his country. The news came after 18 years that saw two Iraq wars, two presidents Bush, and a series of military flip-flops that classified Speicher first as killed in action and later as missing or captured.

The Pentagon announced last Sunday that U.S. Marines had discovered Speicher's remains buried in the desert sand in the western province of Anbar. Jawbone pieces and dental records already confirmed the identity of the Jacksonville, Fla., resident — the first American casualty of the Persian Gulf War. Now, the Pentagon bears the shame at how long it took to find and bring home the last unaccounted servicemember in that war. ...

On Jan. 17, 1991, Speicher left from the carrier USS Saratoga in his F/A-18 Hornet and was shot down during a bombing run over west-central Iraq. ... But the Pentagon erred in not ordering an immediate search for Speicher, who later evidence suggests may have survived the crash. ...

The Pentagon's failure to launch a search was followed two years later by the embarrassing discovery of Speicher's plane, intact, by a military officer from Qatar who was hunting in western Iraq. There was evidence Speicher may have ejected.

The find sparked a review of satellite photos of the crash site and plans to send a covert team to investigate. Instead, accident specialists with the Defense Department visited the crash site with the Red Cross in December 1995. The team came away with no bones or ejection seat, but with a flight suit — later identified as likely Speicher's. ...

Over the years, additional reviews and another search turned up nothing concrete until an Iraqi citizen last month told military officials the story of two Iraqis who recalled a crashed American jet and the remains of a pilot buried in the desert.

Even in death, though, the Sunday school teacher known as Scott, Scotty and Spike, served his country. Led by Republican Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas, Congress rightly passed a law that required U.S. intelligence agency analytical teams to work with DOD to ensure the Pentagon would continue relentless searches for Americans missing, captured or killed in conflict.

Good. It's a shame it took the death of Speicher to move the Pentagon in the right direction.

## Prisoners still have rights

### The (Louisville, Ky.) Courier-Journal

Dostoyevsky said, "A society should be judged not by how it treats its outstanding citizens but by how it treats its criminals."

If so, we've got a lot to answer for.

Congress conservatively estimates that at least 13 percent of inmates in the U.S. have been sexually assaulted while in prison. A 2004 study of more than 2,700 U.S. correctional facilities showed prison employees to be facing sexual misconduct charges in all but one prison.

At the Otter Creek Correctional Center for women in Wheelwright, Ky., 16 allegations of custodial sexual abuse are currently under investigation — evidence that prison guards' abuse of inmates is not a matter of a few isolated incidents, but is a widely accepted rite.



The situation is especially dire in Kentucky because it is one of only three states to treat sex between guards and inmates as a misdemeanor, not a felony. When a prison guard has sex with an inmate, says Melissa Rothstein of Just Detention International, "one person literally has the keys to a person's entire way of living." Under no circumstances can that be considered consensual.

We suspend someone's freedoms when we sentence her to jail, but that must never mean subjection to violence.

## Obama education reform gutsy

### The Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel

Earlier secretaries of Education can only envy Arne Duncan, the current holder of that post. Under the department's "Race to the Top" competition, Duncan has a \$5 billion discretionary fund to reward school districts that implement reforms espoused by the Obama administration. Schools districts that do not, lose out.

President Barack Obama was refreshingly candid about using the money to advance his education agenda. ... Specifically, the administration wants more charter schools and more students in them; performance pay for teachers; systems that track an individual student's performance under specific teachers and a move toward common national academic standards. ...

Race to the Top has worthy goals, and the Obama administration deserves some credit for pushing them in the face of opposition from a loyal Democratic constituency, the teachers unions. ...

The Department of Education will begin awarding the money early next year. Let's hope this effort is more successful than the long line of ambitious reform efforts that have sputtered in the vast labyrinth of our nation's education system.

## Pork coming down the track

### (Mobile, Ala.) Press-Register

President Barack Obama and top Democrats on Capitol Hill want to pump up mass transit, including Amtrak, with massive new federal subsidies. They may even go as far as reviving one of Amtrak's biggest losers, the old Sunset Limited Line that passed through Atmore, Ala.; Pascagoula, Miss.; and Mobile.

Passenger service on the Sunset Limited, a route that runs from Los Angeles to Orlando, Fla., was suspended east of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast in 2005. Before Katrina hit, the Bush administration had been looking to get rid of Amtrak's "underused and inefficient" routes. The Sunset Limited, underused even by Amtrak's low standards of ridership, clearly fit this description.

Despite its long record of futility, Amtrak has a lot of fans in Washington — mainly pork lovers from both parties and ideological liberals who prefer mass transit to auto travel. ... The Press-Register editorial board has nothing against train travel, but with the federal deficit headed toward previously undreamed of heights, the board believes that throwing more federal money at the Amtrak failure would be, well, stupid.

## USPS model unsustainable

### (Steubenville, Ohio) Herald-Star

The nation faces a question: Is universal postal delivery a privilege or a right?

Business factors will make the answer easier. ...

Not only does it face increased competition on parcel delivery by private firms — think UPS and FedEx for starters — but the U.S. Postal Service also faces competition right on your desktop, or in your pocket — think e-mail and instant-messaging cell phones. ...

Like it or not, the postal service is a business, one that has to be able to pay its employees and suppliers while continuing to perform its service. With huge amounts of its service no longer requested, the system must contract. That means postal employee cuts, postal center closings and the potential for a reduction in the number of days of delivery to something less than the current six days a week. ...

The advent of technology and competition means there is a new "normal" in the daily postal business. Determinations of just what that "normal" is now and will be in the future will provide the answer to the question of universal postal delivery.

## Add incentives to health plan

### Durango (Colo.) Herald

Whatever the full ingredients of Congress' health care initiative, several components look to be assured: A substantial portion of the 45 million Americans now without insurance will get it, and insurance companies will not be able to redline proven or potentially expensive policyholders. The former — the revenue from increased numbers of policyholders — is a win for the companies, the latter a loss.

Expect that a minimum level of coverage will be mandated, and that low-income families and individuals will receive subsidies to cover the premiums. ...

Missing so far, in our estimation, are incentives for the wise decision-making that is such a large part of being healthy. Missing, too, are incentives for wise shopping for health care, when possible. Individuals can play a large role in determining their health needs, and when they choose well, either with behavior or with spending, they

and the nation benefit.

## Musicians deserve royalties

### Chicago Sun-Times

If you believe people deserve to get paid for their work, it's hard to argue against a bill in Congress that would require radio stations to pay musicians when they play their songs. ...

As much as we love radio, we find ourselves in full support of the Performance Rights Act. ...

The recorded music industry, like the radio business, is struggling to survive. Music sales have plummeted as people download music for free online. Looking for a lifeline, performers are demanding radio royalties. ... When an oldies AM or FM radio station plays "Soul Man," for example, the estates of the songwriters — Isaac Hayes and David Porter — are compensated, but the great Sam & Dave, who made the song a hit, get nothing.

The new law would bring the U.S. in line with much of the Western world.

## Appraisal rules hurt all sides

### San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News

For homeowners already battered by the foreclosure crisis, recent changes in appraisal rules are just another slap in the face.

The new federal Home Valuation Code of Conduct requires appraisers to be hired by middlemen rather than local loan agents, with the hope of improving accuracy. But this is a classic case of the cure being worse than the disease. Those middlemen, or appraisal management companies, are often using inexperienced appraisers who lack local knowledge.

The result? Appraisals that are unfairly low. One industry group estimates that since the rule took effect in May, the average appraisal has come in \$13,000 below the sale price agreed upon by the buyer and seller. When that happens, buyers can't get loans, and deals collapse.

This hurts both sellers and buyers. In addition to making loans harder to obtain, it can add hundreds of dollars to the cost in the form of higher fees charged by the management companies, additional appraisals and extended loan locks as sales take longer to close. ...

There are signs of life most everywhere in the housing market. The appraisal problem could curb that trend. ...

[W]e're with industry groups that want the government agencies involved, including Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, to simply abandon the rule. The real estate recovery is too important to ending this recession — and in any case, there's no benefit to a rule that increases costs without increasing accuracy.



## PERSPECTIVES

# When things went south for the Boyds

## Suspects once lived in Pakistan, but terror charges came in N.C.

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The (Raleigh, N.C.) News & Observer

RALEIGH

Daniel Boyd is the son of a U.S. Marine decorated with four Purple Hearts. He is a devout Muslim who wears a beard that brushes his chest and robes that brush his ankles.

Before he was arrested, Boyd spent his days hanging drywall and chatting with neighbors about hunting and fishing; he made pilgrimages to holy sites in the Middle East and broke each day for noon prayers to God.

Daniel Boyd showed a pair of faces to the world. Now, friends and neighbors are trying to make sense of another: a suspected terrorist who believed so ardently his faith was calling him to kill himself and others.

Boyd is at the center of a federal investigation linking him to a plot to commit suicide missions in Israel and Pakistan in the name of Islam. Six others, including two of his sons, have also been caught up in the terrorism plot and are being held at the Wake County jail. A seventh suspect is thought to be in Pakistan.

Boyd is full of contrasts, calling into question how well any of the neighbors he charmed, customers he served or young men he mentored really knew him. Whatever face he wore, though, those around him thought he belonged.

FBI agents swarmed the Boyds' home in northwest Johnston County on July 27, jarring neighbors who had befriended the Boyds. The neighbors encircled them in support. Had someone been murdered, they wondered? Had there been another tragic car accident like the one that claimed the Boyds' son Luqman two years before? Terrorism never crossed their minds, neighbors said.

"The more I think about it, the more I think something is not right about this story," said Susan Bedwell, the Boyds' next-door neighbor, whose children played with the Boyds' youngest son and daughter. "The pieces do not fit. That's not who they were."

### Pakistan part of family's past

The Boyds were pulled south in 1995 by promises of good work and cheap living. They had been living in Massachusetts, where they settled near family after an international adventure in Pakistan.

Their time in Pakistan had been turbulent. Years of aid work to Afghan refugees ended in a bizarre clash with Pakistani officials, who suspected Daniel Boyd had robbed a bank and wanted to amputate his arm and leg as a penalty. The affair gave the family brief notoriety and a terrific scare.

Stateside, they found calm and anonymity again.

Daniel Boyd supported the family by hanging drywall and doing contracting work. But by 1995, the family had grown to seven and the high cost of living in Massachusetts was wearing on them. North Carolina's Research Triangle was booming with subdivisions and office parks offering plenty of work for a skilled contractor.

Their life here wasn't as smooth financially as Boyd had hoped. They bounced between homes across the Triangle and Boyd worked for several different compa-

nies. He ran afoul of the Internal Revenue Service and racked up debt.

By 1999, Daniel Boyd declared bankruptcy.

He owed more than \$50,000.

Daniel Boyd had been there before. Broke, that is.

His parents split in 1974, when Boyd was only 5. The children stayed with their mother, Pat Saddler.

According to a People magazine article in 1991, the family suffered desperate poverty. Saddler, who lives outside Washington, told People they often couldn't pay the electric bill. In those lean months, she would cook some sort of soup over a fire-place, scrounging leaves from the yard to augment the recipe.

By 1980, Boyd's mother, a secretary at a law firm, had remarried a kind and gentle lawyer, William Saddler. Saddler, a Muslim, had a tremendous effect on Boyd.

Until then, Boyd had been an all-American boy, a towheaded football player who helped lead his northern Virginia high school team to a state championship.

Boyd latched onto Islam. By age 17, he had converted, leaving behind the Episcopal rituals of his early childhood. Sabrina, his high school sweetheart, followed his lead, converting just before their wedding.

The conviction became so deep and strong the two quit America in 1989. They packed up their lives — and their toddler and infant — and headed to Peshawar, Pakistan, a chaotic city near the border with Afghanistan. Though the fighting had stopped by the time the Boyds arrived, 3 million Afghan refugees had flooded Peshawar. The Boyds thought they could help, they said in interviews with national media after their arrests.

Those years now haunt Boyd. Federal investigators have said in indictments that Boyd trained with terrorists and fought the Soviets in Afghanistan. They use his past liaisons and training to sound alarms about his current threat.

But Boyd's adventures in Pakistan and Afghanistan are murky, as is much about his Islamic beliefs.

The Boyds' stay in Pakistan came to an abrupt end in 1992 after Boyd and his brother, Charles Boyd, ran afoul of Pakistani police. The brothers were accused of



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**A note posted on the front door of the Boyds' neighbors simultaneously offers support for the family and seeks privacy.**



CHUCK LIDDY, THE (RALEIGH, N.C.) NEWS & OBSERVER/AP

**Daniel Patrick Boyd is escorted by U.S. Marshals to the federal courthouse in Raleigh, N.C., on Tuesday. Federal prosecutors say a North Carolina terrorism case may involve classified material that will raise national security issues. Authorities have charged seven North Carolina men with plotting terrorism abroad. An indictment pegs Boyd, 39, as the ringleader. He was arrested last month along with two sons.**

robbing a bank; the Boyds swore they were recouping money swindled from Sabrina Boyd by a bank officer. Their sentence: amputation of an arm and leg. Higher courts eventually overturned the sentence, sparing the Boyds their limbs.

### Beloved in Willow Springs

The Boyds seemed whole again in North Carolina. By 2004, they had bought a home with the help of Daniel Boyd's ailing father in a quiet new subdivision in the crossroads community of Willow Springs.

The whole clan, four boys and a girl, nestled into their two-story beige home at the end of a cul-de-sac, backing up to a lake. Daniel's father, Thornton Boyd, had fallen ill with Alzheimer's; but he, too, found a comfortable space at their new home.

Boyd's work life had peaked. He had landed jobs as a subcontractor hanging drywall and metal studs. He scored good jobs, working with a major commercial outfitter to manage such contracts as upgrades on a property leased by the state Department of Juvenile Justice, according to his former boss, Larry Schug, superintendent for Crawford-Dunn General Contractors.

His oldest boys, Dylan and Zakariya, worked alongside him, Schug said.

Daniel Boyd was active with his children, leading his sons on Boy Scout trips. Dylan and Zakariya became Eagle Scouts, Sabrina Boyd said.

"My husband was no couch potato," she said of Daniel. "He was with the boys doing their thing."

The Boyds were, in some fashion, beloved in Willow Springs. The Bedwells hung a sign on their fence saying: "We support the Boyds."

Their Muslim faith, and the outward evidence of it, didn't put off their neighbors.

"They took walks in their full garb, and I never saw anyone stare or point or say anything," Bedwell said.

Religion became a point of lively discussion between Daniel Boyd and some of his neighbors in the largely Christian neighborhood.

Lorie Sienkiewicz, a neighbor, met the Boyds by chance at Grandfather Mountain shortly before they moved into the neigh-

borhood. They began talking about faith. She was a Christian. Daniel Boyd told her he had been, too.

Sienkiewicz asked Daniel Boyd if he was feeling prejudice in America in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"He said, 'Yes, we are. Muslims are very peaceful people,'" Sienkiewicz recalled.

Boyd invited her to come by and chat further about religion.

She told him: "If I come down there, you know I'm going to try and convert you."

Sienkiewicz said Boyd agreed that was only fair.

### A break in their routine

Boyd is accused of being so vehement in his faith he lured young men to adopt a cause of violent jihad, forsaking their lives in the U.S. for a suicide mission in Israel or Pakistan.

Anyone who knows Boyd in the context of his faith agrees he was extreme. Investigators say Boyd splintered from the mosque in Raleigh because of conflicting views. Jasmin Smajic, 23, a Bosnian immigrant who befriended Boyd, said he often talked of jihad, a violent struggle to resist oppression in the name of Islam.

A cast of young men gravitated to Boyd. Many gathered at a Muslim store the Boyds ran until last fall in a strip mall. Flanked by a laundromat and a barber shop, the store stood out. So did Boyd, who showed up for work in a full-length robe some days, blue jeans other days, said Richard Goodwin, owner of the neighboring Forest Hills Glam-O-Rama laundromat.

All the time, federal agents were listening and watching. Investigators have alerted the courts they intend to rely on evidence gathered in surveillance tapes.

Sabrina Boyd was sure their home was bugged. She was so nervous she insisted visitors to their home leave their cell phones in their cars.

Meanwhile, the family carried on. Patrick Boyd went to work and hung drywall. Dylan Boyd started a family with his new bride. The father and sons took trips, to Israel, the Palestinian territories, Jordan.

But what the family says was their routine has become pieces of evidence the FBI is stacking against them.

## AFRTS Television Schedule

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
15:00	Sonic the Hedgehog	Animal Miracles "Tory & the Bears"	(2:27) Movie "Rosemary's Baby" (1968, Horror) Mia Farrow, John Cassavetes, Ruth Gordon.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Deadliest Catch Crab grounds.	Fit For Duty Battleground	Eureka "Right as Raines"	SportsCenter	(2:30) NFL Total Access
15:30	Danny Phantom								
16:00	Naruto	SpongeBob SquarePants		Around the Services	Law & Order "Fallout"	Ft. Hood on Track	Stargate Atlantis Hive ships plan an attack.	Soccer Real Madrid at Toronto FC. (Taped)	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30	Darcy's Wild Life	SpongeBob SquarePants		Tavis Smiley		Week-Pentagon			
17:00	Ent. Studios	Bindi the Jungle Girl	Movie "Cliffhanger" (1993) Sylvester Stallone. A mountaintop rescue becomes a hunt for stolen money.	Nightly Business Report	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Boettcher Family"	Recon	King of the Hill		Top 20 Countdown
17:30	Criss Angel Mindfreak	Lemur Kingdom		Nightline		Recon Revisited	That '70s Show		
18:00	Dogfights "Long Odds"	The Universe "Alien Planets"		The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Army Newswatch	The King of Queens	Quick Pitch	Top 20 Countdown
18:30					ESPNs	Week-Pentagon	Everybody-Raymond		
19:00	Access Hollywood	So You Think You Can Dance	Movie "You Don't Mess With the Zohan" (2008, Comedy) Adam Sandler, John Turturro.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Law & Order "Anchors Away"	The Grill Sergeants	Samantha Who?	SportsCenter	ECW
19:30						Fit For Duty	The Big Bang Theory		
20:00	Deadliest Catch "Race Against the Ice"	Made		Today	Leverage "The Juror No. 6 Job"	Battleground	The Unit "Into Hell, Part Two"	MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at Detroit Tigers. From Comerica Park in Detroit. (Same-day Tape Subject to Blackout)	WWE SmackDown!
20:30						Balad and Beyond			
21:00	Law & Order "Fallout"	Dawson's Creek "Boy-friend"	(:05) Movie "I, Robot" (2004) Will Smith. A homicide detective tracks a dangerous robot in 2035.		America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	All Hands TV	Prison Break Lincoln and Sucre target Pad Man.		
21:30						Pacific Report			
22:00	Law & Order "Anchors Away"	Movie "Batman & Robin" (1997) Arnold Schwarzenegger. The dynamic duo returns to take on an icy villain.		MSNBC Live	Headline News	Army Newswatch	Saturday Night Live		SportsNation
22:30					American Dad	Today's Air Force			
23:00	Leverage "The Juror No. 6 Job"		(:15) Movie "Single White Female" (1992, Suspense)	Bulls and Bears	'Til Death	Recon		SportsCenter	Attack of the Show!
23:30				Cavuto on Business	Back to You	Week-Pentagon	Austin City Limits		

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00:00	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	The Simpsons	(11:15) Movie "Single White Female" (1992) Bridget Fonda.	Forbes on FOX	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Screwed"	FNG Useful benefits.	(11:30) Austin City Limits	(11:00) SportsCenter	Top 20 Countdown
00:30		The Simpsons		Cashin' In		Fit For Duty	Keeping Up-Kardashians		
1:00	Sports	So You Think You Can Dance	(:05) Movie "The Dogs of War" (1980) Christopher Walken. A deadly mercenary vows to overthrow an African government.	Newsroom	Bones "The Boy in the Shroud"	Around the Services	Wife Swap "Coste/ves"	Quick Pitch	Top 20 Countdown
1:30						Around the Services			
2:00		Made		Your Money	House "The Mistake"	Around the Services	Boston Legal "Fine Young Cannibal"	NFL Total Access	Guys Choice 2009 The sexiest men and women of the past year.
2:30						Around the Services			
3:00		Movie "Batman & Robin" (1997, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger. The dynamic duo returns to take on an icy villain.	(:05) Movie "You Don't Mess With the Zohan" (2008, Comedy) Adam Sandler, John Turturro, Emmanuelle Chriqui.	This Week in the Pentagon	Law & Order "Anchors Away"	Around the Services	Judging Amy	ESPNs	
3:30				Wall Street Journal Report		First Air Force Now		2009 World Series of Poker From Las Vegas.	
4:00				Glenn Beck	Leverage One of Parker's aliases is chosen for jury duty.	Battleground	Austin City Limits "Keith Urban; Rodney Crowell"	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	Sports
4:30						National Guard News			
5:00	Sports	Barney & Friends	(:10) Movie "I, Robot" (2004, Science Fiction) Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan, Bruce Greenwood. A homicide detective tracks a dangerous robot in 2035.	Newsroom	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	This Week in the Pentagon	Kiana's Flex Appeal	Baseball Tonight	
5:30		Oobi		McLaughlin Group	Headline News	The Benning Report	Denise Austin's Getting Fit		
6:00		Sesame Street		Our World With	ESPNs	Downrange News from Iraq and Afghanistan.	Take Home Chef		
6:30				The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Headline News		Throwdown With Bobby Flay		
7:00		Swamp Critters			House Call-Dr. Sanjay Gupta	The Grill Sergeants	Music and the Spoken Word		
7:30		Adventures-Book of Virtues	(:20) Movie "The River" (1984, Drama) Mel Gibson, Sissy Spacek. A farm family uses all its resources to save its land.	FOX Report	Entertainers	Fit For Duty	Top 3	2009 NFL Pro Football Hall of Fame Timken Grand Parade	Sports
8:00	Sports	Postman Pat		Washington Week in Review	In Touch-Dr. Charles Stanley	This Week in the Pentagon	Day of Discovery		
8:30		Danger Rangers		Army Newswatch	T.D. Jakes	USARJ This Week	Cafe Video		
9:00		The Magic School Bus	(:21) Movie "It Happened One Night" (1934, Romance-Comedy) Claudette Colbert, Clark Gable, Walter Connolly.	Today's Air Force	The Coral Ridge Hour	FNG Useful benefits.	The Universe The biggest objects in the universe.		
9:30		Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman		The Chris Matthews Show	Crossing the Goal	Fit For Duty	I Shouldn't Be Alive "Into the Heart of Darkness"		
10:00		Codename: Kids Next Door		Newsroom	Austin City Limits Singers perform.	Battleground	Extreme Engineering "Super-Stadium"	Baseball Tonight	Sports
10:30	Sports	Sabrina's Secret Life		Journal Editorial Report	MotorWeek	Recon Revisited			
11:00		Growing Pains "Carnival"	(:21) Movie "The Hard Way" (1991, Comedy-Drama) Michael J. Fox, James Woods.	Fox News Watch	At the Movies	Fit For Duty	The Suze Orman Show	SportsCenter	
11:30		The Cosby Show				Battleground			
12:00		Full House "Triple Date"		Larry King Live	Digging for the Truth "The Iliad" may be fact or fiction.	Today's Air Force	The Suze Orman Show	Baseball Tonight	
12:30		Drake & Josh				All Hands TV	Quick Fix Meals		
13:00	McLaughlin Group	Movie "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" (2004)	(:05) Movie "In a Lonely Place" (1950, Drama) Humphrey Bogart. A man accused of murder falls in love with his neighbor.	Geraldo at Large	Buried Treasure	This Week in the Pentagon	Iron Chef America Chefs compete.	SportsCenter	Sports
13:30	ESPNs					Recon Revisited			
14:00	Washington Week in Review		(2:53) Movie "American Graffiti" (1973) Richard Dreyfuss, Ronny Howard.	Huckabee	Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations "Indonesia"	Fit For Duty	Star Trek: Voyager "Someone to Watch Over Me"	SportsCenter	
14:30	House Call-Dr. Sanjay Gupta	Movie "Spy Kids" (2001, Adventure) Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino, Alexa Vega.		FOX Report	Dirty Jobs Dismantling parade floats.	Battleground	Heroes ".07 Percent"	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. From Angel Stadium of Anaheim in Anaheim, Calif. (Same-day Tape Subject to Blackout)	Sports
15:00	Entertainers			Newsroom	Beyond the Wild Blue: A History of the U.S. Air Force	Army Newswatch	King of the Hill		
15:30		SpongeBob SquarePants		Glenn Beck	The Chris Matthews Show	Sun City Soldier	That '70s Show "Hot Dog"		
16:00	In Touch-Dr. Charles Stanley	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Kramer vs. Kramer" (1979) Dustin Hoffman, Meryl Streep. A divorced couple battle for custody of their young son.		ESPNs	Recon	The King of Queens		
16:30	T.D. Jakes	SpongeBob SquarePants				FNG Useful benefits.	Everybody Loves Raymond		
17:00	The Coral Ridge Hour	Be the Creature "Galapagos"		Newsroom	20/20	Today's Air Force	Top Chef The contestants arrange a bridal shower.	SportsCenter	Sports
17:30	Crossing the Gold	America's Funniest Home Videos	Movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" (2007, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley. Jack Sparrow's friends join forces to save him.	This Week in the Pentagon	Medium "How to Make a Killing in Big Business"	Fit For Duty	Dirty Sexy Money	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Colorado Rockies. From Coors Field in Denver. (Same-day Tape Subject to Blackout)	
18:00	Austin City Limits Singers perform.			Army Newswatch	Boston Legal "Smoke Signals"	Battleground	Mad Men "Shoot"		
18:30				Today		Recon Revisited			
19:00	MotorWeek	So You Think You Can Dance		CBS News Sunday Morning	Headline News	This Week in the Pentagon	Seinfeld "The Label Maker"		
19:30	At the Movies	The winner is announced.			Saturday Night Live	National Guard News	Friends		
20:00	Digging for the Truth "The Iliad" may be fact or fiction.			Face the Nation		Around the Services	Law & Order "True North"	SportsCenter	
20:30						Around the Services			
21:00	Buried Treasure	90210 "One Party Can Ruin Your Whole Summer"	Movie "The Devil's Brigade" (1968, War) William Holden. A WWII Army officer organizes a motley commando unit.			Around the Services			
21:30									
22:00	Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations "Indonesia"	Touched by an Angel "Family Business"							
22:30									
23:00	Dirty Jobs Dismantling parade floats.	7th Heaven Eric gets involved when a teacher is suspended.							
23:30									

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009

00:00	Beyond the Wild Blue: A History of the U.S. Air Force	So You Think You Can Dance	(10:00) The Devil's Brigade	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	Comics Unleashed	Around the Services	24 "Day 6: 3:00PM - 4:00PM"	(11:00) SportsCenter	(10:00) Sports
00:30		The winner is announced.	(:25) Movie "Hollow Man" (2000) Kevin Bacon, Elisabeth Shue. A scientist tests an invisibility serum, with horrific results.	Meet the Press	Two and a Half Men	Fit For Duty	Grey's Anatomy "Six Days" (Part 2 of 2)		Sports
1:00	Sports				NCIS "Grace Period"	The Benning Report		Baseball Tonight	
1:30						The Grill Sergeants	Prison Break "Call Waiting"	PGA Tour Preview	
2:00		90210 "One Party Can Ruin Your Whole Summer"		America's News HQ	Cold Case "Knuckle Up"	VA News			
2:30						This Week in the Pentagon			
3:00		Touched by an Angel "Family Business"	(:32) Movie "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996) Patrick Stewart. Half-robot Borg tries to sabotage a rocket flight.	Newsroom	20/20	Army Newswatch	NUMB3RS An assailant opens fire in the FBI offices.	PGA Tour Golf WGC Bridgestone Invitational -- Final Round. From Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio. (Live)	Sports
3:30						FNG Useful benefits.			
4:00		7th Heaven Eric gets involved when a teacher is suspended.	(:35) Movie "The Devil's Brigade" (1968, War) William Holden, Cliff Robertson.	Your Money	Medium "How to Make a Killing in Big Business"	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Label Maker"		
4:30						Today's Air Force	Friends		
5:00	Sports	Teletubbies		America's News HQ	Boston Legal "Smoke Signals"	Recon	Kiana's Flex Appeal		
5:30		Bear in the Big Blue House				The American Veteran	Denise Austin's Getting Fit		

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## YOUR MONEY

*"People have to pay the bills, so what we see is people kind of grasping at straws and taking anything that's available."*

**Matthew Freedman**

Assistant professor of labor economics at Cornell University

# Unemployed willing to work almost anywhere

By **CHRISTOPHER LEONARD**

The Associated Press

**S**ome of the dirtiest, smelliest, most dangerous jobs are suddenly looking a lot more appealing in this economy.

People who have been out of work for months are lining up for jobs at places they once considered unthinkable: slaughterhouses, sewage plants, prisons.

"I have to just shut my mouth because I can't do anything about it," said Nichole McRoberts of Sedalia, Mo., who pictured more for herself at age 30 than working in a poultry plant, cutting diseased or damaged flesh off chicken carcasses that speed by on an assembly line.

Recessions and tight job markets always force some people to take less-desirable or lower-paying work than they are used to. But this recession has been the most punishing job destroyer in at least 60 years, slashing a net total of 6.7 million jobs.

All told, 14.5 million people were out of work last month, with a jobless rate of 9.4 percent. The result is that many people have had to seek jobs they would not have considered in the past.

Take Kristen Thompson. Before the recession, she worked at an upscale Los Angeles-area gym arranging pricey one-on-one personal training sessions. Now she's a guard at a women's prison in rural Wyoming.

After the gym laid her off last year, Thompson spent months looking for work. Even fast food restaurants failed to respond to her application. For each opening, dozens of other people seemed willing to work for less money. When she heard that a prison in Lusk, Wyo., (population 1,447) was hiring, she leapt at the chance.

In her new job, she patrols cellblocks and monitors the mess hall. Back in L.A., she never had to worry about inmates with weapons or drug stashes or prisoners getting into fights. Yet she's hardly complaining. It's a job.

"People have to pay the bills, so what we see is people kind of grasping at straws and taking anything that's available," said Matthew Freedman, assistant professor of labor economics at Cornell University.

The desperation of the long-term jobless has rippled through the labor force. More skilled and educated workers have filled



TOM GANNAM/AP

**Ronny Purty, who works as a trash collector for in St. Louis is just happy to have a job. Purty used to drive an 18-wheeler delivering steel but was laid off last fall.**

clerical or restaurant jobs. So unskilled workers such as teenagers or high school graduates who once held most of those positions have displaced those even lower on the economic ladder, such as immigrants, Freedman noted.

The intensified competition has hurt all workers — even those who are still employed — because it shrinks wages. Employers don't have to pay more to lure

workers.

That helps explain why personal income fell 0.1 percent in June, excluding the one-time benefits of the government's stimulus program. Wages have fallen each month since October — a total of 5 percent over the past eight months.

Indeed, many people who have had to downshift to unsavory jobs have found they're now earning less, too.

With two kids to support and just a high school diploma, McRoberts has few options in the job market. McRoberts spends evenings searching the Internet for other openings, but they are scarce.

"Until things start booming again, I can't go anywhere else," she said. "Otherwise I would."

Work at poultry plants has often been done by recent immigrants, who now face more competition for such jobs.

"It's easy for someone like your middle manager to take on a job at a poultry plant, because they have the skills to do many things. But for the immigrant, that might have been the only option," said Catherine Singley of the National Council of La Raza, an immigrant advocacy group in Washington.

In Stamford, Conn., more than 100 people lined up to take a test and interview after the city posted a single position at the local sewage plant. The job: Drying up wastewater sludge and operating chlorine tanks. More than 300 people raised their hands — about twice the number who would seek such jobs before the recession.

After months of unemployment, that job sounded appealing to 26-year-old Gary Cappiello of nearby Norwalk. Cappiello had worked in the maintenance department of a Target store before being laid off in the spring of last year.

"I'm just applying for anything now — even if the job is low-paying or not a comfortable position," he said. "It's just getting to a desperate point. The bills need to be paid."

Recently, he found out he didn't make the cut at the sewage plant.

More fortunate is Ronny Purty, 50, who said he's grateful for his new job gathering trash in narrow St. Louis alleyways.

Purty used to work in the air-conditioned cab of a truck, hauling steel to local factories. He was laid off last fall.

He spent four months looking for work before landing a job in March as a trash collector for the city's "bulk item" crew.

Wearing thick leather gloves, Purty hauls sodden carpet, moldy mattresses and nail-studded lumber into a truck. As he sorts through mounds of garbage, he watches out for rats, spiders and raccoons.

He isn't complaining. It beats his long months of unemployment.

"I was blessed to get in here," he said.

## How to stand toe-to-toe with your credit card firm

By **NANCY TREJOS**

The Washington Post

A lot of credit card holders are finding out that their interest rates or minimum monthly payments are going up or their available credit is going down.

Fortunately, the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, the nation's largest nonprofit credit-counseling organization, has some tips:

- Ask for an explanation. The card issuer may be doing it because of account inactivity, because you've become too risky or because you're no

longer profitable. In any case, you deserve to know why the terms of your agreement are being altered.

- Try to get your previous terms restored. If you've been in good standing, you should call the card company and plead your case. But remember, "in good standing" is the operative phrase here.

- Build your case. Arm yourself with information about how long you've been a customer, how much you charge each month, how good a payment history you have. Have all the answers to the questions they will ask before you make the call.

- Prove that you're desirable. Get your

credit report for free from [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), then review it for accuracy.

- Be prepared to negotiate. Decide what you're willing to accept before you call. If, for example, the card company has both raised your rate and lowered your limit, decide whether getting a lower rate or a higher limit is more important. If you carry a balance, the lower rate is probably the way to go.

- Ask for a supervisor. If the customer representative is not being cooperative, ask to speak to a higher-up until you get what you want or are convinced that the company won't budge.

Ultimately, you might not get what you want, but it's worth trying these tips.



PAUL SCHMID  
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## YOUR MONEY

# Debt settlement could hurt your credit scores

Dear Liz: I have \$175,000 in credit card debt. Almost all of this debt was due to balance transfer offers over the years which I managed quite well to make sure I had no balances with high interest rates. Now with credit being so tight, one of my issuers has reduced my credit limits and I can't find any balance transfer offers to extend my low rates. Will the issuers allow me to settle this debt for less than I owe? I always get offers from credit consolidation companies that tell me banks are willing to accept 50 percent or less of your balance if you pay the reduced balance amount in full?

Answer: The recession has made credit card issuers more willing to accept debt settlement offers, but your savings will come at your credit scores' expense.

Card issuers really don't like it when people don't pay what they owe. When the notation of a debt settlement hits your credit reports, expect your scores to dive.

Some people have little choice but to accept this price. They can't pay their debt and, for whatever reason, can't wipe it out in bankruptcy court. In those cases, debt settlement can be the best of bad options.

Dear Liz: What percentage of after-tax income should be spent on housing, transportation, food, communication (TV, phone, internet), medical, other debt, insurance and other miscellaneous essential expenses?

Answer: There aren't any hard-and-fast rules, since families have vastly different circumstances.

But I do like the rules of thumb outlined in bankruptcy expert Elizabeth Warren's book, "All Your Worth." She recommends limiting "must have" expenses—housing, transportation, utilities, food, insurance, child care and minimum debt payments—to 50 percent of your after-tax income.

That leaves 30 percent of your pay to be spent on "wants," including clothing, vacations and entertainment, and 20 percent for savings and debt repayment.

There are times when keeping your must-haves to 50 percent will be tough, such as after a lay-off or the birth of a child.

As a general guideline, though, limiting your overhead will help you survive financial setbacks.

Dear Liz: I seem to be in a "Catch-22" situation. My mortgage refinancing was about to close when the lender backed out because I live in a geodesic dome home and there are no comparable sales for domes in my area. I've tried to find another lender but none will finance a dome because there are no similar homes

to gauge the value. I feel that I am being discriminated against because my house has a rounded roof over part of it, instead of a flat or peaked roof. My broker suggested that I get a reverse mortgage since this does not require comps. However, I do not want to go down that road. Do you have any ideas of what I can do to refinance, now that I've lost the low rate I was locked into?

Answer: In the real estate boom, lenders stopped worrying so much about little niceties like accurate appraisals. With the credit crunch, lenders are suddenly obsessed with appraisals, which typically require comparable sales.

"The problem with this is that there is no way to come up with a realistic estimate of value for properties with unusual construction type because there are rarely comparable sales," said Dick Lepre, a senior loan officer at RPM Mortgage. "This includes domes, log homes and straw bale construction."

What you need to find, Lepre said, is a local bank that intends to hang on to the mortgage, rather than sell it to investors. These lenders tend to be more flexible, but there's no guarantee you'll be able to find one willing to refinance your loan.

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## Money Talk



Liz Pulliam Weston



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A crane lifts a flattened car to a shredder at Gershow Recycling Corp. in Medford, N.Y., on Thursday. Many of the scrapped vehicles are part of the "cash for clunkers" program.

## Most clunkers are replaced with cars built in the States

By MARTIN ZIMMERMAN  
Los Angeles Times

The latest friction over the "cash for clunkers" program has to do with which automakers are benefiting from the American tax dollars subsidizing new car purchases.

According to data floating around Capitol Hill, the top five cars being purchased under the program are, in order, the Ford Focus, the Toyota Corolla, the Honda Civic, the Toyota Prius and the Toyota Camry. Some folks are noting sourly that four of the top five models are made by Japanese companies.

The reality is not so simple. True, every Focus sold in America is made at Ford's Wayne, Mich., assembly plant. Of the Honda Civics sold in the U.S., 95 percent are built in Indiana or Ontario, Canada, and all of the engines are made in the U.S. All of the Corollas sold in the U.S. are assembled by Toyota in either California or Ontario, while almost all of the Camrys sold in the U.S. are assembled at plants in Kentucky and Indiana, according to Toyota. Only the Prius is built exclusively in Japan.

As originally proposed, the clunkers program would have barred rebates for cars produced overseas, and would have provided less money for cars produced in Canada or Mexico. These restrictions were dumped in part over concerns about creating problems with America's trade partners.

It wouldn't have made a huge difference, apparently. Besides the Prius, the only other cars among the top 10 clunker sell-

## Popular purchases

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2. Toyota Corolla
3. Honda Civic
4. Toyota Prius
5. Toyota Camry

ers that aren't made in North America are the Hyundai Elantra, which is made in Korea, and the Honda Fit, which is made in Japan.

Overall, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler have accounted for about 47 percent of the 157,000 new vehicles sold under the clunkers program as of Tuesday morning.

Where American automakers really dominate is on the clunker side of the equation. Of the top 10 trade-ins, all are made by U.S. companies: the two-wheel- and four-wheel-drive Ford Explorer, the two-wheel- and four-wheel-drive Ford F-150, the two-wheel- and four-wheel-drive Jeep Grand Cherokee, the Dodge Caravan, the Chevy Blazer, the Chevy Silverado 1500 and the Ford Windstar.

The junking of all of those old pickups, minivans and SUVs in favor of new compact cars and sedans is giving the clunkers program a bit of the green tinge it was originally intended to provide.

According to the latest government stats, clunker trade-ins have an average fuel economy of 15.8 miles per gallon. The average fuel economy for new cars purchased under the program is 25.4 mpg.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Aug. 10)	93.00
South Korean won (Aug. 10)	1,196.00
Euro costs (Aug. 10)	\$1.4769
Dollar buys (Aug. 10)	€ 0.6771
British pound (Aug. 10)	\$1.72

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.6727
Canada (Dollar)	1.0843
China (Yuan)	6.8328
Denmark (Krone)	5.2192
Egypt (Pound)	5.5400
Euro	\$1.4274/0.7006
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7506
Hungary (Forint)	189.32
Israel (Shekel)	3.9120
Japan (Yen)	96.85
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2871
Norway (Krone)	6.0835
Philippines (Peso)	47.95
Poland (Zloty)	2.98
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4380
South Korea (Won)	1,225.50
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0737
Thailand (Baht)	34.00
Turkey (New Lira)	1.4737

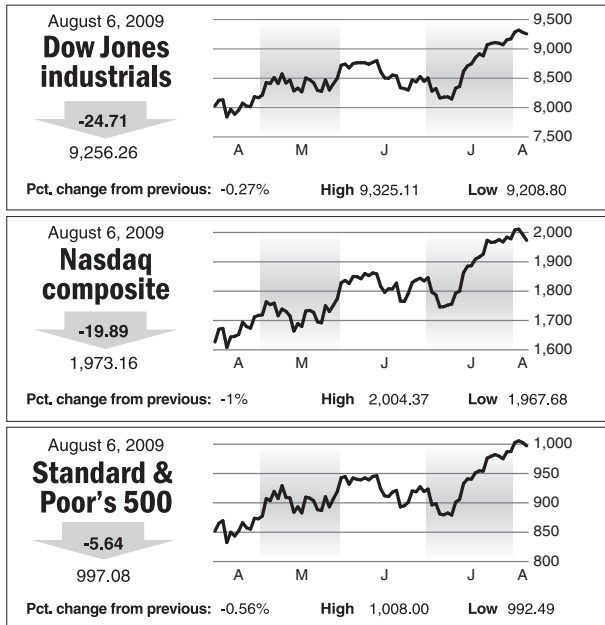
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## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.16
30-year bond	4.54

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

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# Publishers try to entice with free e-books

By HILLEL ITALIE  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — James Patterson's latest best seller, "The Angel Experiment," is a little different from his usual hits. The novel isn't new; it came out four years ago. Readers aren't picking it up at bookstores, but mostly on the Kindle site at Amazon.com.

And the price is low even for an old release: \$0.

"I like the notion of introducing people to one book, while promoting the sales of another," says the prolific and mega-selling author (and co-author) of numerous thrillers. His Kindle download is the first book of Patterson's "Maximum Ride"

young adult series.

"We've given away thousands of free e-copies," Patterson said. "Maximum Ride" is big already and we think it could be a lot bigger. That requires getting people to read it."



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Patterson is among the biggest brands added to the growing list of free e-book offerings. Over the past few months, top sellers on the Kindle — with downloads in the tens of thousands, authors and publishers say — have included

such public domain titles as "Pride and Prejudice" and "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," and novels by Jennifer Stevenson and Greg Keyes.

In recent days, the top three Kindle downloads have been free books: Patterson's, Joseph Finder's "Paranoia" and Keyes' "The Briar King."

"There's always going to be someone who wants free things. What we're trying to do is link free with paid," Maja Thomas, senior vice president of digital media at Patterson's publisher, the Hachette Book Group, said. "It's like priming the pump."

"What we like to do is make the first book in a series free, usually a series that has multiple books," said Scott Shannon, publisher of the Del Rey/Spectra imprint

at Random House, Inc., which published Keyes' fantasy novel.

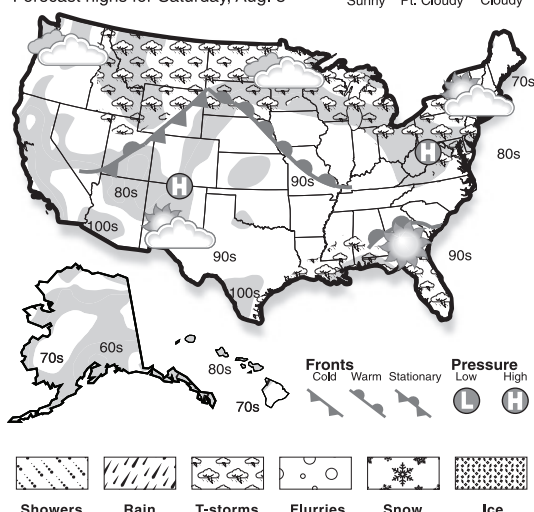
Shannon said Del Rey has had especially good luck with Naomi Novik's "Temeraire" fantasy series after offering the first book for free. He said sales for the other Temeraire novels increased by more than 1,000 percent. "It's been stunning," he said.

Publishers and authors have been nervous that the standard cost for electronic editions of new releases, just under \$10, will take away sales from the more expensive hardcovers and set an unrealistically low price for the future. They are concerned, but open-minded, about free books, which present a chance and a challenge: Readers may buy other books, or they may simply seek more free titles.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Saturday, Aug. 8



### Thunderstorms For Northern Tier, Hot In The South

Thunderstorms are on tap for the northern tier states as low pressure system moves through the Plains. Temperatures will remain quite hot in the South and into the Southeast as southerly winds circulate around the storm system.

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### Saturday's global temperatures

City Hi Lo Weather	La Paz, 64 27 pc
Amsterdam, 84 61 cdy	Lima, 65 60 cdy
Athens, 86 69 clr	Lisbon, 78 64 clr
Auckland, 59 37 clr	London, 76 60 rn
Baghdad, 113 86 clr	Madrid, 95 67 clr
Basra, 118 89 clr	Managua, 91 73 clr
Bahrain, 103 89 clr	Manila, 84 77 rn
Bangkok, 93 82 rn	Mecca, 112 86 clr
Barbados, 89 77 rn	Melbourne, 64 50 rn
Barcelona, 86 71 clr	Mexico City, 73 57 pc
Beijing, 82 71 rn	Montevideo, 53 41 pc
Beirut, 90 78 clr	Montreal, 72 62 rn
Belgrade, 76 66 rn	Moscow, 69 48 rn
Berlin, 80 59 pc	Nairobi, 70 57 pc
Bermuda, 87 78 pc	Nassau, 93 81 pc
Bogota, 66 51 rn	New Delhi, 96 86 pc
Brasilia, 82 48 clr	Nice, 80 71 clr
Brisbane, 70 49 clr	Osaka, 91 80 rn
Brussels, 85 58 clr	Oslo, 75 51 pc
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Budapest, 80 66 rn	Paris, 87 62 clr
Cairo, 98 76 clr	Perth, 66 48 rn
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Colombo, 86 82 pc	Rome, 89 68 clr
Copenhagen, 75 63 pc	San Jose, 79 66 rn
Dhahran, 114 82 clr	San Juan, 92 77 rn
Dhaka, 86 78 rn	San Salvador, 93 68 rn
Dili, 90 73 clr	Santiago, 48 36 cdy
Dubai, 111 90 clr	Sao Paulo, 83 60 cdy
Dublin, 68 47 rn	Sapporo, 80 67 cdy
Frankfurt, 85 58 clr	Seoul, 86 75 rn
Geneva, 86 56 pc	Singapore, 92 78 pc
Guatemala, 78 60 cdy	Sofia, 77 60 rn
Hanoi, 93 80 rn	Stockholm, 80 55 clr
Harare, 73 50 clr	Sydney, 69 46 clr
Havana, 91 71 rn	Taipei, 98 80 rn
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Islamabad, 99 75 rn	Tel Aviv, 93 76 pc
Istanbul, 88 75 pc	Tokyo, 86 78 rn
Jakarta, 90 73 pc	Turin, 88 62 pc
Jerusalem, 93 76 pc	Toronto, 77 61 pc
Johannesburg, 72 49 clr	Tunis, 91 70 clr
Kabul, 91 64 clr	Valletta, 87 72 clr
Kiev, 79 63 rn	Vancouver, 72 55 pc
Kuala Lumpur, 91 73 pc	Vienna, 78 64 pc
Kuwait, 116 91 clr	Warsaw, 78 62 clr
	Wrocław, 81 53 clr

## SUNDAY'S FORECAST



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### Saturday's U.S. temperatures

City Hi Lo Precip Weather	Casper 89 56 .10 clr	Erie 72 58 .02 cdy	Jacksonville 92 71 .06 cdy	Montgomery 92 71 clr	Richmond 79 64 .30 clr	Spokane 82 54 cdy
Abilene, Tex. 100 73 clr	Charleston, S.C. 91 73 cdy	Eugene 68 58 rn	Juneau 69 55 rn	Nashville 88 68 clr	Roanoke 84 63 .11 cdy	Springfield, Ill. 82 63 cdy
Akron, Ohio 76 56 cdy	Charleston, W.Va. 80 63 clr	Evansville 86 63 cdy	Kansas City 84 73 cdy	New Orleans 93 75 cdy	Rochester 74 54 cdy	Springfield, Mo. 87 71 cdy
Albany, N.Y. 77 55 clr	Charlotte, N.C. 86 63 clr	Fairbanks 59 57 .52 rn	Key West 89 84 1.00 cdy	New York City 77 64 clr	Rockford 80 61 rn	Syracuse 75 57 clr
Albuquerque 88 65 cdy	Chattanooga 90 68 cdy	Fargo 76 63 .06 rn	Knoxville 86 65 cdy	Newark 81 65 clr	Sacramento 77 57 clr	Tallahassee 91 71 cdy
Allentown, Pa. 79 55 clr	Cheyenne 85 54 .03 cdy	Flagstaff 82 46 clr	Lake Charles 94 77 cdy	Norfolk, Va. 80 69 .84 clr	St. Louis 86 70 cdy	Tampa 89 76 rn
Amarillo 95 70 clr	Chicago 82 64 rn	Flint 78 49 cdy	Lansing 79 51 cdy	North Platte 83 65 1.54 cdy	St. Petersburg 89 80 .02 rn	Toledo 82 58 cdy
Anchorage 60 52 .05 clr	Cincinnati 79 55 cdy	Fort Smith 89 72 clr	Las Vegas 95 72 clr	Oklahoma City 89 74 1.14 clr	St. Thomas 89 82 cdy	Topeka 86 75 clr
Asheville 80 58 clr	Cleveland 77 57 cdy	Fort Wayne 79 53 cdy	Lexington 82 58 clr	Omaha 83 70 1.46 cdy	Salem, Ore. 67 60 rn	Tucson 106 76 .01 clr
Atlanta 89 72 .01 cdy	Colorado Springs 85 55 cdy	Fresno 82 60 clr	Lincoln 84 73 .04 clr	Orlando 92 73 cdy	Salt Lake City 98 55 cdy	Tulsa 90 76 clr
Atlantic City 74 60 .50 clr	Columbia, S.C. 91 68 clr	Goodland 89 64 cdy	Little Rock 90 73 cdy	Paducah 87 66 cdy	San Angelo 98 74 clr	Tupelo 90 70 cdy
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Yokota, Japan - 1997 Honda Domani (similar to a Civic) Great reliable 4 door car. 99000KM, A/C works great, Power Windows/Door locks, Key-less entry, Great Gas Mileage, 500 Plate. JCI until July 2010 asking \$1800 Please call 080-3522-3020 or email s.gurian@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1997 Nissan Avenir JCI good until May 2010, lots of space, TV/Navigator, great for a family, just had oil changed and car checked out. Call if interested need to sell by August 5th! Located at Camp Zama will try to come to Yokota if needed. Asking \$1250 OBO Please call 263-7296 or email canthony11242004@hotmail.com ASAP, ask for Arthur or Christina.

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## Motorcycles 164

Atsugi- 93 Harley Davidson Dyna wide glide 1340cc has big bore kit, drag, Pipes, Mikuni racing carb, forks have been raked out, custom paint, fird. Controls asking \$9500 obo. Call 08058695453 Spicer.

Sagami Depot - 2007 - Suzuki K7 GSX-1000R, Immaculate Condition, Metallic-Orange & Black, Limited color, 7000 km, Many Carbon Fiber parts, Garage kept, Glass Coating, Score! alarm 2-way pager, Power Commander, Jardine Moto-GP exhaust, F&R frame sliders, Plus much more. JCI, \$9,800. Call, 090-8517-9568

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Yokota - Harley Davidson 2006 Sportster, Custom XL1200C. Check it. Chromed 1200cc Evolution engine, gloss black 4.5 gal tank, Le Para solo "Silhouette" seat (very sexy), Vance & Hines "Sideshots" chrome half pipes (it's kinda loud), OEM security system, chrome pull-back riser. For extra pump... Dynojet "Thunderbolt" modified carburetor and "Scream" Eagle High-Flow modified air intake installed. Odometer: 2,500 miles, fresh tires, meticulously maintained, super fun to ride... awesome to cruise on! Trust me, this bike screams. Call me any time: 080-6683-7306, let's talk. I'm at Yokota. Note: both original HD dual seat and dual factory pipes come with purchase.

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Yokosuka - RB25DET for sale. 53,000 kms comes with ecu and wiring. Sold my skyline so don't need the spare motor anymore. \$600. Will come with a 5 speed r33 transmission for \$800. Call Chuck at 090 3692 4470.

Yokosuka - RB25DET for sale. 53000Kms. Metal head gasket. Was going into a project car but have since sold car so no longer need engine. \$600, includes ecu and wiring harness. \$800 comes with 5 speed transmission gear box, which is available separately for \$400 obo. Also Garrett journal bearing turbocharger for skyline. Hi flowed, metal compressor wheel. Bought it but never got a chance to install. \$350, GTR 444cc injectors x6. \$100. Oil cooler for rive-tooth/SDHC cards/iPod. There are video out cables for extra monitors. Comes with remote. More info in the picture asking \$215 please call 301-698-9933

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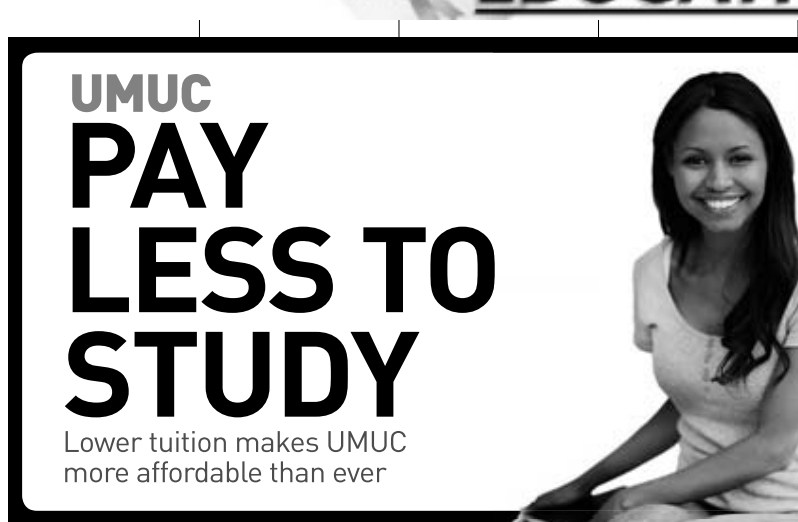
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# Cowboys hoping less Spears means more big plays

## Dallas defensive end picks up speed after reporting for camp below target weight

By JAIME ARON  
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — At his peak, Marcus Spears weighed 335 pounds and squeezed into XXXXXL shirts. He never turned down his uncle's fried catfish or any other fried foods. He also liked bedtime snacks.

Why not? Bigger was better, he figured, for his line of work as a defensive end in the Dallas Cowboys' 3-4 scheme.

"I felt I had to be, not to get rolled, braided and killed out there on the football field," Spears said.

Coach Wade Phillips thought otherwise. This offseason, he told Spears to show up at training camp weighing 309 pounds. He came in at 307 and everyone is seeing a big difference.

Spears discovered he was so nimble that he actually needed a few days to get used to it.

"I had to catch up with my speed," he said. "I was falling a lot."

Now that he's regained his balance, Spears is getting the feedback he wants. Phillips named Spears among the standouts so far, and teammates have noticed, too, especially right tackle Marc



ERIC GAY/AP

**Dallas Cowboys coach Wade Phillips told defensive end Marcus Spears to report to training camp weighing 309 pounds. Spears, who previously weighed 335, came in at 307.**

Colombo, who has been lining up against Spears for several years.

"Colombo told me the other day that he really has to push out now when I'm rushing off the edge," Spears said, smiling. "It makes you feel good. It makes you want to stay where you're at."

Spears got in shape by following the basics: Working out and watching what he eats.

He hired a chef and a nutrition-

ist, and learned to follow simple rules like drinking lots of water, dropping the late-night binges and, toughest of all, avoiding his uncle's kitchen.

"I grew up on it. I love it," Spears said. "When I got to Baton Rouge, I told him to stay away from me."

Spears is in the fifth and final year of his rookie contract, so he's headed toward free agency.

He would like to remain with the Cowboys, but they're taking a wait-and-see approach before offering an extension.

Dallas drafted Spears in the first round in 2005, the second of two first-rounders. The other was DeMarcus Ware, who has blossomed into one of the NFL's most-feared players. Spears has been solid, at best.

Two knee operations have slowed him a bit, with that extra weight possibly to blame. But he's never missed a game and he's coming off a season that included a career-high 65 tackles, one sack and a lot of near-misses.

Phillips is counting on less bulk leading to more disruptive plays. It's already led to a change in how Spears is being coached. He's being used in ways that weren't effective for someone bigger and slower.

"Certain techniques, he'll get up the field a little bit quicker than before," Phillips said.

Spears was drafted by Bill Parcells when the Cowboys were switching to the 3-4. Parcells didn't tell Spears to eat up, but he didn't discourage him, either. Spears also tends to pick up weight as a season goes along.

That might not happen this

season. The chef and nutritionist are staying on his payroll, and the team's strength and conditioning coach has set up a new plan for Spears' in-season training. If it all goes as hoped, maybe he can persuade the Cowboys to come up with a new contract.

"I'm not putting any added pressure on myself," Spears said. "I just have to go out and play and perform. I think when you get to thinking about money and contract situations, things like that, it takes away from what you really have to do. Hopefully my play already has and will take care of that."

With catfish on hold, his new favorite meal is grilled shrimp salad, although he's been warned to cut down on the toppings. And while Spears is fashion conscious, he hasn't rewarded himself with a new wardrobe. He had some clothes "stowed away, just in case I lost some weight" and he insists they are still in style.

"My wife said, 'I know you think you got a little sexy, but you don't need to go out and buy 10 new suits for this season,'" he said. "I'll just keep the ones I have and, if I need to, I'll get them tailored down."

## QB Sanchez outplays Clemens in scrimmage

### Jets rookie overcomes jitters in scrimmage

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.  
The Associated Press

CORTLAND, N.Y. — Mark Sanchez felt jittery, barely able to take more than a bite of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

The New York Jets rookie quarterback was preparing for the team's full-contact scrimmage Thursday night and couldn't wait to get on the field.

"It was like game day," Sanchez said. "It was game mode. I put in the iPod and just laid down for a little bit, relaxed my mind and came out here and did a little work."

Sanchez outplayed Kellen Clemens in the team's green-white scrimmage in front of 6,100 at SUNY Cortland, perhaps giving himself the slight edge in the team's closely contested quarterback competition.

"I wanted to see poise," coach Rex Ryan said. "I also wanted to see the accuracy that he showed. He really did show up."

Sanchez, the fifth overall draft pick from Southern California, was 9-for-15, including four dropped passes, for 70 yards while running the first- and second-team offenses against the first two defensive units.

"I felt great about throwing the football," said Sanchez, who

looked good running the no-huddle offense at times. "It was spinning well and coming out of my hand great. Good protection; they were awesome."

Sanchez's numbers would've been even more impressive if not for the drops, three of which came on third-down plays. Two of the drops were by undrafted free agent Britt Davis.

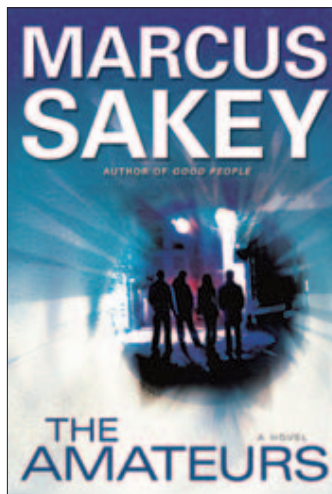
"That's where you've got to focus more than anything," Ryan said. "Just catch the football first and we'll worry about running after it second. Just junior high stuff. That was disappointing."

Clemens, a fourth-year veteran who entered the competition No. 1 on the depth chart, was 5-for-7 for 26 yards. The offense went three-and-out on three drives with Clemens under center.

"The focus for me is more on myself than on what he's doing," Clemens said. "Obviously, I support him, but I'm not always counting and keeping score in that respect."

Although Sanchez might have scored a victory in the scrimmage, Ryan and the Jets will get a better feel for who's on top when they play their exhibition opener at home against St. Louis next Friday. Ryan would like to determine the starter by the third exhibition game against the Giants.

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# Trick or Tweet in Seattle

By GREGG BELL

The Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Tweeters, beware!

"TheRealTJ84" on twitter.com is not the real T.J. Houshmandzadeh, No. 84 and star wide receiver for the Seattle Seahawks.

Screen names "tjhouse" and "houshmandzadeh"? Those aren't him, either. They're bogus monikers created by impostors on the popular social networking site.

"I know it's not me," Houshmandzadeh said after practice Thursday evening.

Problem is, many don't know who really is behind the keyboard on Twitter.

Houshmandzadeh's tale of trick-or-tweet is a cautionary one for fans and the NFL, as the league encourages its players and teams to use Twitter to connect with the public.

Stars Matt Hasselbeck, Walter Jones and Nate Burleson are among the handful of Seahawks who have real Twitter accounts.

Aaron Curry, Seattle's unsigned rookie fourth overall pick, has one, too. But he hadn't tweeted in six days as of Thursday night, since a message was posted on his page that he was "having a great time" with his fiancée and dogs and "loving life" on the day his teammates began training camp under a hot sun.

The NFL estimates about 300 of its players are on Twitter — at least the league thinks so. As tweeter T.J. Duckett says, how can it know for sure?

"It's kind of impossible," the Seahawks running back said of trying to thwart online impostors. "There's no way to know. You can sign up and create a user name with my name, and how do I know?"

Maybe that's one reason some teams, including the Miami Dolphins, have urged their players not to tweet. Other teams are more lenient about the use of social media, including the Seahawks, owned by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen.

Hasselbeck fancies himself as a tweeting pioneer, having had his own page for two years "before anyone else was on there."

"Yeah, it's me," he says of MatthewHass008.

The witty quarterback constantly updates his page. Last month, he posted from a trip over the border to Vancouver, British Columbia, to work his balky back out with the trainer for two-time NBA MVP Steve Nash. Hasselbeck tweeted that he would reward the first person he saw wearing Seahawks gear on the streets of that hockey-mad city with his cleats and a football. Two hours later, he "found a guy on Joe Sakic Way w a Seahawks backpack!"

Wednesday, Hasselbeck tweeted: "Raced back to facility for 2:45pm practice-- only problem is practice is at 6:15pm."

Turns out, the only reason Hasselbeck has his own twitter page is because someone was pretending to be him.



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

**Seattle Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck is among a handful of players on the team with legitimate Twitter accounts. Some teammates, though, have been impersonated online.**

"It just seemed kind of shady," he said.

So the three-time Pro Bowler took tweets into his own hands.

"I got the guy who runs my Web site and he helped me get rid of everybody — get rid of the fake people who were saying there were me — and then there was one real 'me,'" Hasselbeck said.

Initially, the security-conscious Hasselbeck kept his page closed to everyone but his closest friends. Eventually, he expanded it and had 9,984 followers as of Friday morning, almost double the number of followers for any other Seahawk on Twitter.

Hasselbeck said the site now has people who validate athletes' pages. There is also a site listing all supposedly legitimate accounts, twitter-athletes.com.

Duckett's had Twitter impostors, too, causing awkward moments this week with fans.

"Yes, I'm 'DuckDeez,'" he said, chuckling. "The sad part is people actually take [the fake page] as you, and you don't even know. I've had people who have their own page who are getting bogus comments back from 'me.' Then I meet them out here and they are like, 'Why didn't you respond to me?'"

He likes Twitter and MySpace for the same reason most do, to keep up with friends. But how does Duckett guard against being impersonated online?

"Hopefully, your real name will spread what your real name is," he said.

Hasselbeck is the one who encouraged Darryl Tapp to get his own Twitter page. Now the fourth-year defensive end is devoted — or worse.

"It's a little bit addicting," he said of his posting twice each day.

The jovial Tapp doesn't worry about impostors. And he can't believe some teams are discouraging players from tweeting, as if guys would post sensitive information like injury updates or strategy.

"Really? C'mon!" he said. "I can't see players really doing that. I can be wrong. But football is the main thing we all do, Twitter is for fun."

Houshmandzadeh isn't a part of that fun. It's not as if he doesn't like the concept of Twitter — after all, he's the one who got Chad Ochocinco, his outgoing former teammate in Cincinnati, into tweeting.

"I just don't feel like doing it," Houshmandzadeh said.

As for being impersonated online, he just shrugs, knowing he can't control cyberspace.

"I have no problem with that," he said.

## NFL briefs

# 49ers silent on Crabtree

## Report: Top draft pick willing to hold out entire season

The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The San Francisco 49ers won't comment on an online report Thursday that top draft choice Michael Crabtree is willing to hold out the entire season.

ESPN.com quoted Crabtree's cousin and adviser, David Wells, as saying that Crabtree is prepared to sit and re-enter the draft next year. The 49ers released a statement saying that the team does not negotiate in the media.

San Francisco took the wide receiver with the 10th overall pick this year.

"As a rookie, you're already behind the eight ball," quarterback Alex Smith said. "You're just trying to catch up, all the timing that goes with it and trying to know your position. It's hard."

### Browns G Hadnot carted off field

BEREA, Ohio — Cleveland Browns guard Rex Hadnot was carted off the practice field Thursday after suffering a possible serious injury to his left knee.

Hadnot, who started 15 games for the Browns last season, got hurt while pass blocking during team drills. The 6-foot-2, 320-pounder was engaged with defensive lineman Louis Leonard when rookie linebacker David Veikune got pushed into the outside of Hadnot's left knee.

Hadnot crumpled to the grass in obvious pain as team medical personnel rushed to assist him.

The Browns had no immediate word on his condition.

Hadnot, who played four seasons in Miami before signing as a free agent with Cleveland last year, was competing with veteran Eric Steinbach for the starting left guard job.

### Suspended Stallworth: 'I am truly sorry'

CLEVELAND — Suspended Browns wide receiver Donte Stallworth feels he has done "irreparable harm" to the family of the man he killed while driving drunk and said he is ready to accept whatever ruling NFL commissioner Roger Goodell makes on his future.

Stallworth, suspended indefinitely by the league for killing Mario Reyes while driving drunk in Miami, met with Goodell in New York on Wednesday about a possible reinstatement.

Stallworth was recently released from jail after serving 24 days for the DUI conviction.

In a public statement released Thursday, Stallworth apologized for his actions and vowed to conduct himself "in a manner that more accurately reflects who I am and meets the high standard expected of all NFL players."

"I recognize that there is a difference between the legal standard in my criminal case and the standard to which NFL players are held," Stallworth said. "It is clear that I exercised poor judgment and caused irreparable harm to Mario Reyes, his family, the NFL, its owners, coaches, employees and to my fellow players."

Stallworth thanked Goodell for the opportunity to express his remorse and said he will accept whatever punishment Goodell hands down.

"Whatever he ultimately decides is the appropriate discipline, I will accept knowing that I have profoundly affected the NFL and its relationship with the fans of our game," Stallworth said. "I jeopardized the honor and privilege that I have been given to be an NFL player and to play for our fans. I am truly sorry."

### Cowboys take time for wounded soldiers

SAN ANTONIO — One by one, the Dallas Cowboys stopped to recognize their fans.

About 20 wounded soldiers from the Warrior Family Support Center at nearby Fort Sam Houston visited practice Thursday.

Most visitors wore Cowboys jerseys or hats, with some exceptions. One man wore an Arkansas Razorbacks jersey, drawing a hug from owner Jerry Jones, an Arkansas alum.

Another fan, however, wore a San Diego Chargers jersey.

Jones says he joked that if the man wanted a picture of Jones' Super Bowl ring he would have to lose the jersey.

So he did — posing in a white T-shirt with Jones.

"It is one of the most rewarding things to see them enjoy and have that little respite, to have a moment to come out here and watch practice and be appreciated," Jones says.

### Stapleton will have knee surgery

LATROBE, Pa. — Pittsburgh Steelers right guard Darnell Stapleton was to have arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Friday and the team had no timetable for his return.

The 6-foot-3, 305-pound Stapleton had been practicing at center in place of Justin Hartwig, who arrived at training camp with a toe injury. But Stapleton had swelling in the knee and has not practiced since Sunday.

Stapleton, who made the roster in 2007 as an undrafted free agent, started the final 12 regular-season games and all three playoff games for the Steelers after Kendall Simmons suffered a torn Achilles tendon.

### Ex-NBA great Bill Russell gives pep talk to Seahawks

RENTON, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks thought they were sitting down for another ho-hum evening meeting. Instead, they got one of the greatest winners of all time.

Former Boston Celtics star and five-time NBA MVP Bill Russell, 75, came from his home in suburban Seattle on Thursday night to

awe the Seahawks with an hour-long talk on what it takes to win as a team. The players applauded throughout the speech.

The former center renowned for team play posed for pictures with the Seahawks, who are coming off a 4-12 season and have a new coach in Jim Mora.

### Patriots acquire DE Burgess

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots obtained defensive end Derrick Burgess on Thursday after the two-time Pro Bowl player held out of the Oakland Raiders training camp in hopes of being traded.

The Patriots gave up undisclosed draft considerations for Burgess, who is coming off an injury-plagued season in which he had 3½ sacks in 10 games. New England released offensive lineman Al Johnson.

The trade was announced on the ninth day of Burgess' hold-out from the team for which he recorded 38½ sacks in four seasons, including a club-record and league-best 16 in 2005. He had 11 the next year and made the Pro Bowl both times. In three seasons with Philadelphia and four with Oakland, the 6-foot-2, 260-pound Burgess had 47 sacks in 85 games. He also missed the 2003 season with a torn Achilles' tendon.

### Moreno skips another Broncos practice

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Knowshon Moreno, the Denver Broncos' top draft pick, missed his 13th training camp practice Friday after his agent and the team failed to hash out the final details of a contract that is expected to include \$13 million in guarantees.

Moreno, a standout running back at Georgia, was the 12th overall pick in the draft. When he does sign, he'll join a crowded backfield that includes free agents LaMont Jordan and Correll Buckhalter and second-year holdovers Peyton Hillis and Ryan Torain.

### Broncos fans boo QB Orton

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — The largest crowd to watch a Denver Broncos practice wasn't happy.

New quarterback Kyle Orton, acquired from Chicago for Jay Cutler in the biggest NFL trade of the offseason, was booed by the crowd of 13,402 when he had two passes intercepted and threw several bad passes during a scrimmage Thursday night.

Orton drew the fans' ire when he had two passes intercepted by cornerback Andre Goodman, the second of which was returned for a long TD. Orton also was jeered when he threw behind receiver Chad Jackson, again when he missed wide-open Jabar Gaffney in the end zone and when he floated a pass down the middle that Champ Bailey broke up.



## PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION: AUG. 8

# Smith: 'He made it look easy, but it wasn't,' Levy says

SMITH, FROM BACK PAGE

gie White, though White reached his figure in four fewer seasons. Smith was a two-time NFL defensive player of the year and an 11-time Pro Bowl selection. He ranks first in posting 10 or more sacks in 13 seasons, and proved astoundingly durable for a player at his demanding position. He played 279 games in 15 seasons with Buffalo and four with the Washington Redskins to rank 13th among NFL players.

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"I've said this before so I might as well say it again. I think he's the greatest defensive end who's ever played the game," said Marv Levy, Smith's former Bills coach and a fellow Hall of Famer.

Smith was the centerpiece of an aggressive and speedy Bills defense, and part of a star-laden team that also featured future Hall of Famers Jim Kelly and Thurman Thomas. Together, they ushered in the franchise's golden era in the early 1990s, when the Bills made an unmatched four consecutive Super Bowl appearances, though they lost all four.

Once he got his weight under control, Smith was nearly unstoppable, even when opponents devised plans to contain him. With an athletic build at his height, he had a rare combination of quickness, agility, power and instinct.

Levy recalled watching game film with former general manager Bill Polian, now with Indianapolis. "Bruce would do something that would just be amazing, but it would look so right," Levy said. "Bill used to say to me, 'Why doesn't everybody do it that way?' He made it look easy, but it wasn't."

Former Bills linebacker Darryl Talley got an even closer perspective, particularly remembering the time Smith picked up former Indianapolis Colts tackle Chris Hinton and slammed him to the ground.

"I had a catbird's seat and saw an individual do things a lot of people couldn't imagine," Talley said.

"Let's put it this way, when you see a guy grab an All-Pro tackle that's 320 pounds and launch him 5 yards, what would you think?"

Talley did more than watch. Aside from motivating Smith to get in shape, Talley helped his teammate learn how to study film and how to attack weaknesses in opponents.

The two developed such a chemistry that they would play off each other on the field. Smith hasn't forgotten Talley's influence, calling him "the greatest teammate a person could ever have. I love him to death."

Smith now heads a real estate development company, Bruce



**Bruce Smith, a defensive standout, was chosen to play in the Pro Bowl 11 times during his 15-year career.**

Smith Enterprises, based in his hometown of Virginia Beach, Va. The one shadow on his induction is his recent conviction for drunken driving and speeding, a decision he is appealing.

Smith's best statistical season came in 1990, when he was credited with 101 tackles, 19 sacks and four forced fumbles. That's when he earned his first NFL defensive player of the year honor.

Smith won the award again in 1996, when he had 120 tackles, 13½ sacks and four forced fumbles. What's most impressive is that Smith registered many of his 171 sacks in Buffalo while playing in a 3-4 defense, which should have made it easier for opponents to stop him. It's a feat Smith is quick to point out.

"When you're able to accomplish that in a 3-4 defense, you have to sit back, shake your head and say, 'That's pretty darn impressive,'" Smith said. "It's incredible, to be quite honest with you."

Smith has always been known for having a healthy ego, never afraid to draw attention to his accomplishments.

"He's the best and he'll tell you he's the best and mean it," Talley said.

But Talley noted that Smith backed up his words on the field, and that's why he is entering the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.

"It's almost like watching your brother go up there and receiving a huge reward," Talley said. "And there is no greater award than what he's getting."

And to think that the Bills once debated over whether to select Smith with the No. 1 pick.

The other candidate was Texas A&M defensive end Ray Childress, who was drafted No. 3 by Houston and enjoyed a solid — but not a Hall of Fame — career.

Bills owner Ralph Wilson, who will be inducted into the Hall alongside Smith, ended that debate shortly after watching Smith play for Virginia Tech in a televised game in the fall of 1984.

All it took was for Wilson to see Smith run across the width of the field to register a sack.

"I said, 'Gee, this guy's a real good player,'" Wilson said. "Someone said, 'But there's a guy named Childress who's better.' I said, 'Take Bruce.' I didn't know anything about Childress. But I knew this guy was a good player."

Among the very best, as it turned out.

**Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson, who will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, started the original AFL team for a \$25,000 franchise fee. In 1966, when the upstart league merged with its senior rival, he became part of the NFL.**

CHRIS O'MEARA/AP



# The man behind the Bills

Ralph Wilson, founding member of the AFL, never gave up on Buffalo

By JOHN WAWROW  
The Associated Press

GROSSE POINTE SHORES, Mich. — Ralph Wilson settles into a chair at his long dining room table, ready to dig into a salad. The main course soon follows: the American Football League.

"Speaking of the 'Foolish Club,'" he begins, a smile forming as he recalls what the eight AFL owners were dubbed about 50 years ago. "You'd go to cocktail parties back in those days and they'd look at me like, 'What kind of a dope are you, going into a new league?'"

Little did the founder and sole owner of the Buffalo Bills envision that he'd get the last laugh. Wilson, 91, will join the game's most prestigious club Saturday when he's inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. "What a damn fool I was," said Wilson, breaking into a laugh at his home overlooking Lake St. Clair. "But I didn't care. I just wanted to own a team."

Wilson held a small stake in the Detroit Lions. So he sold his share and put up the \$25,000 franchise fee to join the AFL. In return, he earned a lifetime of memories in running a franchise that had its classic ups and downs. The Bills are the only team to make four consecutive Super Bowl appearances — and also the only team to lose them all. The Bills have fielded such star players as O.J. Simpson, Jim Kelly and Bruce Smith, who will also be inducted into the Hall this weekend. And they're a franchise that has come to symbolize the rust-belt, blue-collar region's underdog mentality.

Just as important, and the main reason he's the 19th contributor to be elected to the Hall of Fame, Wilson found himself in a position to play a significant role in helping transform the NFL into America's most popular sport.

It was talks between Wilson and late Baltimore Colts owner Carroll Rosenbloom that led to the framework of an agreement that included revenue sharing, a deal that resembled the one struck in the AFL-NFL merger in 1966.

It was Wilson, an active mem-

## Founding father

Ralph Wilson, the only owner the Buffalo Bills have known, will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday.

## Career highlights

- One of the original founders of the American Football League
- During tenure as Bills owner, team won two AFL championships, four consecutive AFC titles and made four consecutive appearances in the Super Bowl (1990-1993)
- Bills' 103 regular-season victories in the 1990s were second in the NFL, behind the San Francisco 49ers.

SOURCE: National Football League AP

ber of numerous influential NFL committees, who helped fashion the rules of the modern game and played a key role in averting a players' strike in 1977.

He also earned the title of "Conscience of the NFL" for consistently voting against franchise relocation because of its potential to alienate fans.

"His steadfast loyalty to Buffalo is undeniable. He's worn the colors of Buffalo with pride and poise and class. He's the star among stars," Raiders owner Al Davis said. "When he got up, you knew he was speaking from a small market, he was speaking for the good of the league."

And that included the time Wilson opposed Davis moving the Raiders from Oakland to Los Angeles.

"He was against me, but I knew he really meant it. He was sincere about it," Davis said. "He wasn't doing it because of some plan of the owners, who ganged up because they didn't want me to get Los Angeles. I've always accepted what he did was sincere, from the heart."

In one respect, the Raiders might not have been around without Wilson, who lent the franchise \$400,000 to keep it afloat in the early 1960s. Wilson regarded the loan as crucial to preserve the AFL's credibility because losing

a team would have fed many of the skeptics who didn't expect the league to survive beyond a few years.

Wilson had all but given up on the Hall of Fame, believing much of what he had done was forgotten or considered secondary because the Bills are a small-market franchise with an inconsistent history. The honor comes at a time when the Bills have missed the playoffs for nine consecutive years, a big departure for a team that was the model of success during the 1990s and won two AFL titles in the mid-1960s.

Bills Hall of Fame offensive lineman Joe DeLamielleure described Wilson's induction as long overdue. A strong supporter of players' rights, DeLamielleure noted Wilson's role in revenue sharing and having all teams put names on the backs of jerseys to help fans better identify players.

Hall of Fame coach Marv Levy lauded Wilson for being a fair boss and man of his word, and for sticking with Buffalo.

"He bought into the league primarily for his love of the game, not because he viewed it as, 'Oh, boy, this is going to be a financial windfall,'" Levy said. "If it was about finances, he could've moved the team a couple of times for amounts greater than he'd be able to realize in the current situation."

Though the Bills aren't moving during Wilson's lifetime, questions remain about the future of the franchise following his death. Wilson has said his family isn't interested in running the team and the Bills will be sold by his estate. What's also clear is the answer Wilson provides when asked of his proudest accomplishment.

"Having a team, being faithful, loyal to the fans and keeping the team there," Wilson said.

He recalled a conversation with former Dallas Cowboys president Tex Schramm. "Twenty-five years ago, Tex Schramm said, 'Why don't you move out of that Buffalo and I'll come up and help you pack.'"

For Wilson, and all that he has stood for, it would've been foolish to take up the offer.



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**AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.-MLB:** Boston at N.Y. Yankees.  
**AFN-Xtra, 7 a.m.-MLS:** Los Angeles at New England.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 8 a.m.-MLB:** Oakland at Kansas City.  
**AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.-NFL:** Pro Football Hall of Fame induction.  
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**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-MLB:** Texas at L.A. Angels (dlid).  
**AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.-MLB:** Cleveland at Chicago White Sox (dlid).  
**AFN-Xtra, 7 p.m.-MLB:** St. Louis at Pittsburgh (dlid).  
**AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-MLB:** Chicago Cubs at Colorado (dlid).  
**AFN-Xtra, 10 p.m.-MLB:** Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers (dlid).

**Monday**  
**AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.-MLB:** Minnesota at Detroit.  
**AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.-Golf:** WCG Bridgestone Invitational, final round.  
**AFN-Xtra, 3 a.m.-Auto racing:** NASCAR Sprint Cup Centurion Boats at the Glen.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m.-MLB:** Cincinnati at San Francisco.  
**AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.-Auto racing:** IndyCar Honda 200 at Lexington, Ohio.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.-MLB:** Boston at N.Y. Yankees.  
**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-NFL exhibition:** Buffalo vs. Tennessee at Canton, Ohio.  
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College football

USA Today preseason Top 25			
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Record	Pts	2008	
1. Florida (53)	13-1	1	
2. Texas (4)	12-1	1,386	3
13. Georgia	12-2	1,358	5
4. Southern Cal (1)	12-1	1,321	2
5. Alabama	12-2	1,134	6
6. Ohio State	10-3	1,126	11
7. Virginia Tech	10-4	1,020	14
8. Penn State	11-2	888	8
9. LSU	8-5	917	nr
10. Mississippi	9-4	889	15
11. Oklahoma State	9-4	861	18
12. California	9-4	711	25
13. Georgia	10-3	707	10
14. Oregon	10-3	694	9
15. Georgia Tech	9-4	559	22
16. Boise State	12-1	542	13
17. TCU	11-2	461	7
18. Utah	13-0	404	4
19. Florida State	9-4	223	24
20. North Carolina	8-5	293	nr
21. Iowa	9-4	257	20
22. Nebraska	9-4	236	nr
23. Notre Dame	7-6	194	nr
24. Brigham Young	10-3	178	21
25. Oregon State	10-3	165	19
Others receiving votes (with 2008 records):			
Kansas (8-5) 138; Michigan State (9-4) 136; Texas Tech (11-2) 114; Cincinnati (11-3) 90; Pittsburgh (9-4) 64; West Virginia (9-4) 55; Rutgers (8-5) 51; Miami (Fla.) (7-6) 46; Missouri (10-4) 44; Illinois (5-7) 38; Clemson (7-6) 30; South Carolina (7-6) 18; UCLA (4-8) 14; Auburn (5-7) 12; Nevada (7-6) 11; South Florida (8-5) 11; Kentucky (7-6) 9; North Carolina State (6-7) 7; Arkansas (5-7) 6; Wisconsin (7-6) 6; Northwestern (8-4) 5; Southern Mississippi (7-6) 4; Wake Forest (8-5) 4; Arizona (8-5) 3; Boston College (9-5) 3; Central Michigan (8-5) 3; East Carolina (9-5) 3; Colorado (5-7) 2; Maryland (8-5) 2; Navy (8-5) 2; Tennessee (5-7) 2; Houston (8-5) 1; Michigan (3-9) 1; Minnesota (7-6) 1; Troy (8-5) 1.			

Golf

Bridgestone Invitational			
Thursday At Firestone Country Club (South Course) Akron, Ohio Purse: \$8.5 million Yardage: 7,400; Par: 70 (35-35) First Round			
Padraig Harrington	31-33	-64	-6
Prayad Marksang	35-31	-66	-4
Tim Clark	32-34	-66	-4
Scott Verplank	33-33	-66	-4
Steve Stricker	33-34	-67	-3
Ian Poulter	33-34	-67	-3
Zach Johnson	33-34	-67	-3
Hunter Mahan	32-36	-68	-2
Robert Allenby	35-33	-68	-2
Miguel A. Jimenez	32-36	-68	-2
Danny Lee	34-34	-68	-2
Tiger Woods	35-33	-68	-2
Sergio Garcia	34-34	-68	-2
David Tom	34-35	-69	-1
Lucas Glover	34-35	-69	-1
Henrik Stenson	34-35	-69	-1
Sean O'Hair	34-35	-69	-1
Boo Weekley	35-34	-69	-1
Wendell Kiefer	34-35	-69	-1
Stewart Cink	33-36	-69	-1
Woody Austin	35-34	-69	-1
Nick Dougherty	34-35	-69	-1
Lee Westwood	32-37	-69	-1
Geoff Ogilvy	36-33	-69	-1
Oliver Wilson	35-34	-69	-1
Soren Hansen	33-36	-69	-1
Jeeyoung Sim	34-36	-70	-1
Angel Cabrera	33-37	-70	-1
Trevor Immelman	35-35	-70	-1
Justin Leonard	37-33	-70	-1
Ross Fisher	35-35	-70	-1
Phil Donald	36-34	-70	-1
Vijay Singh	35-35	-70	-1
Luke Mickelson	32-38	-70	-1
Camilo Villegas	34-36	-70	-1
Gonzalo F.-Castano	33-37	-70	-1
Dustin Johnson	36-34	-70	-1
Paul Casey	34-36	-70	-1
J.B. Holmes	34-36	-70	-1
Carl Pettersson	34-36	-70	-1
Thongchai Jaidee	34-37	-71	+1
Mike Weir	33-38	-71	+1
Rory Sabbatini	36-35	-71	+1
Chad Campbell	35-36	-71	+1
Jerry Kelly	35-36	-71	+1
Charles Howell III	35-36	-71	+1
Ernie Els	33-38	-71	+1
Anthony Kang	37-34	-71	+1
Darren Clarke	35-36	-71	+1
Cameron Mackenzie	36-35	-71	+1
Relief Goosen	37-35	-72	+2
Richard Sterne	36-36	-72	+2
Martin Kaymer	38-34	-72	+2
Davis Love III	37-35	-72	+2
Nick O'Hern	35-37	-72	+2
Soren Kjeldsen	34-38	-72	+2
Y.E. Yang	36-36	-72	+2
Anthony Kim	36-36	-72	+2
Alvaro Quiros	35-38	-73	+3
Jim Furyk	35-38	-73	+3
Graeme McDowell	37-36	-73	+3
Matthew Goepfert	36-37	-73	+3
Stuart Appleby	38-35	-73	+3
Gregory Havret	38-35	-73	+3
Anders Hansen	38-35	-73	+3
Nathan Green	38-36	-74	+4
K.J. Choi	36-38	-74	+4
Nick Watney	36-38	-74	+4
Chih-Bing Lam	36-38	-74	+4
Shingo Katayama	36-38	-74	+4
Yui Igarashi	36-38	-74	+4
Brian Gay	37-38	-75	+5
Justin Rose	37-38	-75	+5
Rory McIlroy	35-39	-75	+5
Christian Cveajer	35-40	-75	+5
Mark Turnesa	39-37	-76	+6
Ben Curtis	37-40	-77	+7
Shane Lowry	40-38	-78	+8
Adam Scott	39-39	-78	+8
Paul Casey			WD

Legends Reno-Tahoe Open			
Thursday At Montreaux G&CC Reno, Nev. Purse: \$3 million Yardage: 7,472; Par 72 (36-36) First Round			
Rod Pamplung	35-32	-67	-5
Jonathan Kaye	33-35	-68	-4
W. H. Taylor	34-34	-68	-4
Rich Barcelo	35-33	-68	-4
Marcel Leishman	35-33	-68	-4
Steve Pate	34-34	-68	-4
Grant Waite	34-34	-68	-4
Spencer Levin	36-32	-68	-4
Shaun Micheel	35-34	-69	-3
Jeff Quinney	35-34	-69	-3
James Nitties	35-34	-69	-3
Robert Garrigus	33-36	-69	-3
Paul Azinger	34-35	-69	-3
Ryan Palmer	34-35	-69	-3
Parker MacLachlin	35-34	-69	-3
Jonathan Byrd	37-32	-69	-3
Steve Elkington	33-36	-69	-3
Rocco Mediate	35-35	-70	-2
Wil Collins	35-35	-70	-2
Troy Kelly	35-35	-70	-2
Carlos Franco	37-37	-70	-2
Joe Ogilvie	35-35	-70	-2
Eric Axley	35-35	-70	-2
John Rollins	35-35	-70	-2
Guy Boros	37-33	-70	-2
Troy Matteson	37-34	-71	-1
Michael Nelson	36-36	-71	-1
Steve Fleuch	35-36	-71	-1
Patrick Sheehan	37-34	-71	-1
Kris Blanks	33-38	-71	-1
Mark Jones	35-36	-71	-1
Spike McCoy	33-38	-71	-1
Cheez Beavie	35-36	-71	-1
Kevin Na	37-34	-71	-1
Scott Piercy	34-37	-71	-1
Martin Laird	36-36	-72	-1
Ken Duke	34-38	-72	-1
Tommy Armour III	36-36	-72	-1
Mark McCumcort	35-36	-72	-1
Alex Cejka	34-38	-72	-1
Greg Owen	33-39	-72	-1
Dicky Pride	35-37	-72	-1
Jay Williamson	37-35	-72	-1
Daniel Chopra	36-36	-72	-1
Greg Kraft	37-35	-72	-1

Pro soccer

MLS			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
W	L	T	Pts
Columbus	8	3	9
Chicago	8	3	9
D.C.	6	10	28
Toronto FC	7	7	6
New England	6	5	6
Kansas City	5	7	6
New York	2	15	4
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
W	L	T	Pts
Houston	10	6	5
Seattle	7	4	8
Los Angeles	6	3	10
Colorado	7	6	6
Chivas USA	8	6	3
Real Salt Lake	6	8	5
FC Dallas	6	9	5
San Jose	4	10	5
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.			
Thursday's games			
Saturday's games			
Los Angeles at New England			
Columbus at San Jose			
Seattle FC at Real Salt Lake			
Chivas USA at Colorado			
Sunday's game			
Chicago at Houston			
Saturday, August 15			
D.C. United at Toronto FC			
Chivas USA at New York FC			
FC Dallas at Columbus			
Houston at Real Salt Lake			
Seattle FC at Los Angeles			
Sunday, August 16			
Chicago at Kansas City			

Thursday			
FC Dallas 1, Dynamo 0			
Houston	0	0	0
FC Dallas	1	0	1
First half—1, FC Dallas, Cunningham 9, 20th minute.			
Goals—Houston, Pat Onstad; FC Dallas, Dario Sala.			
Yellow Cards			
Onstad, Houston, 12th; Ricchetti, FC Dallas, 22nd; Harris, FC Dallas, 36th; Kamara, Houston, 56th; Sala, FC Dallas, 84th; James, Houston, 85th.			
A—7,442 (21,193)			

WPS			
W	L	T	Pts
z-Los Angeles	11	3	5
y-Saint Louis	10	6	3
Washington	7	7	26
Sky Blue FC	7	8	25
Boston	7	8	25
Chicago	5	10	20
FC Gold Pride	4	10	15
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.			
z-clinched regular season title			
y-clinched playoff berth			
Wednesday's games			
Sky Blue FC 2, FC Gold Pride 0			
Saint Louis 2, Chicago 0			
Saturday's game			
Sky Blue FC at Washington			
Sunday's games			
Los Angeles at Boston			
Saint Louis at FC Gold Pride			
End Regular Season			

Pro basketball

WNBA			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	16	4	.800
Connecticut	10	9	.526
Washington	10	9	.526
Atlanta	11	10	.524
Chicago	10	11	.476
Detroit	7	10	.412
New York	6	13	.316
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	16	6	.727
Seattle	12	9	.571
Minnesota	10	10	.500
San Antonio	9	11	.455
Los Angeles	7	11	.389
Sacramento	5	16	.238
Thursday's games			
Atlanta 92, San Antonio 84			
Los Angeles 79, Seattle 75, OT			
Friday's games			
Detroit at Washington			
Connecticut at Minnesota			
New York at Sacramento			

AP spotlight

**Aug. 9** — Jesse Owens becomes the first American to win four Olympic gold medals as the United States sets a world record in the 400-meter relay in the Berlin Games. The record time of 39.8 seconds stands for 20 years.

**1981** — Larry Nelson beats Fuzzy Zoeller by three strokes to take the PGA Championship.

**1984** — Britain's Daley Thompson wins his second Olympic decathlon with a record 8,797 points and Valerie Brisco-Hooks sets her second Olympic record with a 21.81 time in the 200-meter dash.

**1987** — Larry Nelson sinks a 6-foot putt in the first hole of a playoff to beat Lanny Wadkins in the PGA Championship.

**1992** — The Summer Olympics end with the Unified Team holding a 112-108 lead in medals over the United States,

Deals

**Thursday's transactions**

**BASEBALL**  
**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**—Suspended St. Louis RHP Brad Thompson three games and fined him an undisclosed amount for intentionally throwing a pitch in the head area of N.Y. Mets 3B David Wright during Wednesday's game. Suspended Washington minor league OF Edgardo Baez and SS Ofilio Castro (Harrisburg-EL) 50 games for testing positive for an amphetamine in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

**American League**  
**BOSTON RED SOX**—Placed OF Rocco Baldelli on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Josh Reddick from Pawtucket (IL). Designated INF Greg Velazquez for assignment.

**CLEVELAND INDIANS**—Announced LHP Mike Gosling accepted assignment to Columbus (IL) and RHP Winston Abreu elected free agency after both were designated for assignment and cleared waivers.

**KANSAS CITY ROYALS**—Activated RHP Doug Waechter from the 15-day DL. Placed RHP Juan Cruz on the 15-day DL.

**NEW YORK YANKEES**—Acquired RHP Chad Gaudin from the San Diego Padres for a player to be named.

**OAKLAND ATHLETICS**—Purchased the contract of RHP Jeff Gray from Sacramento (PCL). Optioned RHP Chad Reineke to Sacramento.

**TAMPA BAY RAYS**—Signed RHP Winston Abreu to a minor league contract and assigned him to Durham (IL).

**National League**  
**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS**—Placed OF Justin Upton on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of OF Trent Oeltgen from Reno (PCL).

**NEW YORK METS**—Placed LHP Jonathon Niese on the 60-day DL. Purchased the contract of RHP Elmer Dessens from Buffalo (IL).

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## Sports briefs

# Florida tops USA Today football coaches' poll

The Associated Press

Defending national champion Florida tops the USA Today preseason football coaches' poll, receiving 53 of 59 first-place votes.

Texas was second in the poll released Friday, followed by Oklahoma, Southern California, Alabama, Ohio State, Virginia Tech, Penn State, LSU and Mississippi.

Texas had four first-place votes, and Oklahoma and Southern California each had one.

The Associated Press preseason Top 25 will be released Saturday, Aug. 22.

Oklahoma State was No. 11, followed by California, Georgia, Oregon, Georgia Tech, Boise State, TCU, Utah, Florida State and North Carolina.

Iowa was No. 21, followed by Nebraska, Notre Dame, Brigham Young and Oregon State.

## Ethics Commission ends Hawaii football review

HONOLULU — A review of expenses rung up by the University of Hawaii when the Warriors traveled to New Orleans to play in the 2008 Sugar Bowl has ended with officials saying there is insufficient evidence the school violated the state's ethics code.

Daniel Mollway, executive director of the state Ethics Commission, had said the panel wanted to determine if people with no official function traveled at the state's expense to watch the Warriors play Georgia.

"The commission concluded that the Sugar Bowl presented unique circumstances for the University of Hawaii, and that organizing the trip to New Orleans for a large contingency from Hawaii under extreme time constraints was a significant undertaking for the university," the commission said in a letter to Chancellor Virginia S. Hinshaw.

The cost of sending 550 people has been estimated as high as \$2 million. The university initially refused to identify 75 of them.

## LeBron says he wants to keep his options open

AKRON, Ohio — LeBron James is unlikely to accept a contract extension from the Cleveland Cavaliers until after the 2009-10 season, when he can become a free agent.

During an event to unveil his latest signature sneaker, James, who has given no indication he plans to leave the Cavs, made his strongest comments about his future. The NBA's reigning MVP said he signed a three-year contract in 2006 with an option so he would have more flexibility once it expires.

"I signed a contract in 2006 with an option," he said. "It would make no sense for me to sign that contract if I didn't keep my options open. I'll let you fill in the blanks."

The Cavaliers offered James, 24, a contract extension last month. James said his agent, Leon Rose, and Cavs general manager Danny Ferry have had "a great conversation."

## Magic's Lewis suspended 10 games for failed drug test

NEW YORK — Orlando Magic forward Rashard Lewis tested positive for an elevated testosterone level and was suspended Thursday for 10 games.

Lewis said in a statement that he took an over-the-counter supplement late last season that included a substance he did not realize was banned by the NBA.

"First and foremost I take full responsibility for the situation and accept the corresponding penalty," Lewis said. "I apologize



PHIL SANDLIN/AP

**Quarterback Tim Tebow and the defending national champion Florida Gators will begin the season at No. 1 in the USA Today football coaches' poll.**

to Magic fans, my teammates and this organization for not doing the research that should come with good judgment."

He will be suspended without pay for the first 10 regular-season games for which he is eligible and physically able to play. He will be docked about \$1.6 million of his \$18 million salary for the 2009-10 season.

The Orlando Sentinel first reported the positive test Thursday. Citing unidentified league sources, the newspaper reported the supplement contained DHEA, a steroids precursor.

Lewis, 29, was an All-Star last season and is one of the NBA's best three-point shooters at 6-foot-10, allowing him to play on the perimeter and the Magic to create the matchup problems that helped them beat Boston and Cleveland in the playoffs.

## Pistons, Wallace reportedly OK \$1.3M, one-year contract

DETROIT — A person with knowledge of the deal said the Detroit Pistons and Ben Wallace agreed to reunite.

Wallace will receive a \$1.3 million, one-year deal, said the person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the contract has not been signed. Wallace is expected to do that early next week.

The former defensive player of the year helped the Pistons win the 2004 NBA title and later left as a free agent to play for the Chicago Bulls.

He was traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers and most recently to the Phoenix Suns as part of the Shaquille O'Neal trade. Wallace was due \$14 million for the last year of his deal but gave up \$4 million to become a free agent.

## Timberwolves nearing end of coach search

MINNEAPOLIS — The three finalists for the Minnesota Timberwolves' coaching vacancy have distinctly different résumés.

Timberwolves president David Kahn will choose from among Los Angeles Lakers assistant Kurt Rambis, ESPN analyst Mark Jackson and Houston assistant Elston Turner.

Rambis is the most experienced of the bunch. He coached the Lakers during the lockout-shortened 1998-99 season and has filled in on several occasions for coach Phil Jackson.

Mark Jackson is a former point guard

who could be ideal to work with youngsters Ricky Rubio and Jonny Flynn while bringing some name recognition to the post.

Turner is the most anonymous of the candidates. He has been an assistant in the league for 12 years and has had two impressive interviews to keep him in the mix.

## Ex-Indy winner de Ferran to retire from Le Mans Series

LEXINGTON, Ohio — Former Indianapolis 500 winner Gil de Ferran will retire as a driver of his American Le Mans Series team at the end of the season.

De Ferran, 41, said Friday he wants to concentrate on the business side of his de Ferran Motorsports program. The driver said he'd like to add a second car to his ALMS team next year and is considering bringing a two-car team to the IndyCar series.

De Ferran won the CART title in 2000 and 2001 while driving for Roger Penske. He captured the 2003 Indy 500 before leaving the open-wheel circuit after that season.

## Lowe's out as sponsor of Charlotte track in 2010

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Lowe's will not renew its naming rights of Lowe's Motor Speedway when its contract expires after this season.

Lowe's cited changing marketing strategies Thursday as the reason it won't return in 2010. The home improvement chain signed as sponsor of then-Charlotte Motor Speedway in 1999 in the first major naming rights deal of a NASCAR track.

The Sports Business Journal reported last week that Lowe's would not come back in 2010, but Speedway Motorsports Inc. president Marcus Smith insisted as late as Wednesday that the talks were continuing on a new deal.

Lowe's will continue its primary sponsorship of three-time defending NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson.

## Mosley settles lawsuit with German publisher

BERLIN — FIA president Max Mosley settled a lawsuit with the publisher of Germany's largest newspaper over reports that he played sex games involving a Nazi theme with prostitutes.

Axel Springer AG agreed to pay \$290,000 to two charities and publish an interview with Mosley in its top-selling Bild newspaper, spokesman Tobias Froehlich said Friday. In return, Mosley agreed to drop the suit.

In the suit filed last year, Mosley had demanded \$1.4 million from Bild and other Springer publications and \$700,000 in damages from its online edition for the text, photo and video reports on Mosley's session with the prostitutes in London in March 2008.

Mosley has admitted the encounter with sex workers, but says it was private and there were no Nazi overtones.

He is stepping down as president of motorsports world governing body in October. Mosley is the son of the late Oswald Mosley, Britain's best-known fascist politician in the 1930s, who had Adolf Hitler as a guest at his wedding.

## NCAA bans championships in betting states

The NCAA approved a policy Thursday that would prevent states, such as Delaware, from hosting championship events if they allow betting on games.

Chancellors and presidents from all three NCAA divisions approved the measure, saying it applies to "any session of an NCAA championship," though it does not apply to states that allow parlay betting,

lottery tickets, pull tabs and sports pools.

The move came one day after a federal judge denied a request by professional sports leagues and the NCAA to halt Delaware's planned sports betting lottery until a legal challenge is resolved.

Congress banned sports betting in 1992 while grandfathering four states — Delaware, Nevada, Montana and Oregon — that already offered it. The lawsuit filed by the four major pro sports leagues and the NCAA argues that Delaware's plan to allow single-game betting would violate the legislation because Delaware has never offered single-game betting before.

## Belfour to work with Blues goalies

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Blues signed former goalie Ed Belfour as a consultant, bringing in an experienced veteran who used to give the team fits when he played for the Chicago Blackhawks.

Belfour is a two-time Vezina Trophy winner. Blues president John Davidson said Thursday that Belfour will work with young goalies, including those at the minor-league affiliate in Peoria, Ill.

Belfour was 484-320-125 with 76 shutouts in an 18-year career with Chicago, San Jose, Dallas, Toronto and Florida.

## UFL announces schedule for inaugural season

RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The United Football League will play its first game Oct. 8 in Las Vegas.

The UFL announced the schedule for its inaugural season Thursday. The four teams will play six games each through Nov. 20. The championship game will be Nov. 27 in Las Vegas.

Games will be played on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

San Francisco will play at Las Vegas in the first game. The other two franchises are in New York and Florida. They face off in Orlando on Oct. 10.

Games also will be played in Hartford, Conn., and Los Angeles.

## Hardy breaks world record in 50-meter breaststroke

FEDERAL WAY, Wash. — Jessica Hardy broke the world record in the 50-meter breaststroke when she time-trialed the 100-meter breaststroke in the U.S. Open National Championships on Thursday night.

Hardy split a time of 29.95 seconds to beat the previous mark of 30.09 set by Yuliya Efimova of Russia in the world championships on Aug. 2.

Hardy returned on Wednesday after a one-year ban because of a failed drug test. She finished second in the 100-meter freestyle. She also was scheduled to swim in the 100 breaststroke Friday and the 50 free on Saturday.

## Elsewhere ...

■ Two-time Olympic gold medalist Kerri Walsh was to return to the pro beach volleyball tour on Friday, barely three months after the birth of her first child.

Walsh was to begin her comeback in the Hermosa Beach Open. She'll partner with Rachel Wacholder, also a new mother, while Walsh's regular partner, Misty May-Treanor, takes the season off to rehabilitate a tendon injury.

■ Joan Benoit Samuelson has a big run in mind to mark the 25th anniversary of her gold medal in the first Olympic women's marathon in 1984 in Los Angeles.

Samuelson, 52, will compete in the New York City Marathon for the fifth time. It will be the first time since 2001 that she'll participate in the five-borough race.

## NHL

# Roenick retires after 20 seasons

Nine-time All-Star leaves game as one of four U.S.-born players who scored at least 500 goals

*The Associated Press*

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Jeremy Roenick was playing golf when he received a call from San Jose general manager Doug Wilson asking about the possibility of playing for the Sharks.

"Sometimes friends come and save you," Roenick said of his former Chicago Blackhawks teammate. "Just when I thought that it was all over, Doug Wilson asked me to fly to San Jose and talk about playing for the Sharks. He asked me if I could still play the game and I told him I know I could still play."

Roenick recalled that story on Thursday, announcing his retirement after 20 years in the league.

"In Phoenix, I wasn't able to say goodbye to the game," Roenick said. "Doug Wilson and the San Jose Sharks gave me my life back. I can sit here and make my own decision to hang them up and move on."

Roenick, choking up throughout his farewell speech, leaves the

game as one of four Americans who scored at least 500 goals. He finished with 513.

"This is a great day for me," Roenick said. "I had the greatest career I could possibly imagine. My body can't do it any more even though my head and my passion are still in the game. I know, truly in my heart, it's time to leave the game."

Roenick also had 703 assists in 1,363 regular-season games with the Blackhawks, the Phoenix Coyotes, the Philadelphia Flyers, the Los Angeles Kings and the Sharks.

Roenick had 53 goals and 69 assists in 154 games with the Blackhawks, Coyotes, Flyers and Sharks in the playoffs. His six goals in Game 7s is tied for second in NHL history.

"I was a big fan of his a long time before I met him," Sharks forward Jody Shelley said. "You can't meet a better teammate."

He was a key part of the 1991 Blackhawks that won the Presi-



RUSSEL A. DANIELS/AP

**Jeremy Roenick tears up as he announces his retirement from the NHL in San Jose, Calif., on Thursday. In the background is San Jose Sharks general manager Doug Wilson. Roenick had 513 goals and 703 assists in 1,363 regular-season games with five teams.**

dents' Trophy and reached the Stanley Cup finals. Chicago lost to the Pittsburgh Penguins.

"I haven't won a Stanley Cup and that will haunt me for a long time," Roenick said. "Otherwise I have no regrets; nothing I've done, nothing I've said."

He's one of 24 players with at least 500 goals and 700 assists, and 17 of them are in the Hall of Fame.

Roenick was a nine-time All-Star and a two-time Olympian. He scored his 500th goal in San Jose and then hoisted his son, Brett, on his shoulder and skated around the ice.

"That was a real moment," Wilson said.

His 500th goal was a fluke. He was trying to clear the puck, hit it off the glass and had it ricochet into the net. He has that piece of the glass in his home as a memento.

Several of his Sharks' teammates of the past two seasons were in attendance. Many former NHL teammates, including Mike Modano, Chris Chelios and Keith Tkachuk called in during the announcement to extend their congratulations.

"He is one of the greatest hockey players to play this game," Wilson said. "He played hard. He was fearless. He'd go through the wall. I've had guys come up to me and say he was the greatest team-

mate they ever had."

As a kid growing up in New England, Roenick would watch the Hartford Whalers work out.

"I'd lean my head over the glass and watch these guys," Roenick said. "Once, when I was 7 years old, Gordie Howe got a bunch of snow on his stick, skated over and dumped it on my head. I thought that was the coolest thing and I've always carried that with me."

"He skated around a little more, then looked at me and winked. For 3 seconds it was just me and Gordie Howe. That small amount of gratitude resonated my whole life. It was a gift to me and when I reached the NHL, I made sure to acknowledge the fans."

## Golf roundup

# Harrington leads by 2 in Bridgestone after 64

*The Associated Press*

AKRON, Ohio — Padraig Harrington feels good enough about his swing to concentrate on his results, and it finally paid off Thursday in the Bridgestone Invitational with a 6-under 64 for a two-shot lead.

Harrington has not won a sanctioned tournament since last year in the PGA Championship, when he became the first European to win successive majors in the same season. The Irishman was about the only one not terribly excited.

"There's no relevance at all," he said. "It's just a round of golf."

It was a good one, though, and it gave him a two-shot lead over Scott Verplank, Tim Clark and Prayad Marksang of Thailand.

Tiger Woods kept alive his streak of breaking par in the opening round for the 11th straight time at Firestone Country Club, where he is going for his seventh victory on the tree-lined course. He didn't do anything special in his round of 68.

Phil Mickelson got off to a rough start in his return to the PGA Tour. He played bogey-free

on his back nine and picked up three birdies to salvage a round of even-par 70. Mickelson has been more focused on his family. His wife and mother are battling breast cancer, although they are progressing enough that he could return to golf.

**PGA Tour:** At Reno, Nev., Australia's Rod Pampling shot a 5-under 67 in swirling mountain wind to take the lead in the Legends Reno-Tahoe Open, a stroke ahead of a group that included two-time winner Vaughn Taylor and former Nevada player Rich Barcelo.

Two-time Reno runner-up Jonathan Kaye, Steve Pate, Grant Waite, Spencer Levin and rookie Marc Leishman matched Taylor and Barcelo with 68s at Montreux Golf and Country Club on the edge of the Sierra Nevada.

Former PGA Championship winners Paul Azinger, Steve Elkington and Shaun Micheel were another shot back at 69 along with defending champion Parker McLachlin, Jeff Quinney, James Nitties, Robert Garrigus, Ryan Palmer and Jonathan Byrd.



PHIL LONG/AP

**Ireland's Padraig Harrington, who hasn't won an official tournament since winning the PGA Championship last season, got off to a good start in the first round of the Bridgestone Invitational at Akron, Ohio.**

## MLS

# Cunningham lifts FC Dallas over Houston

*The Associated Press*

FRISCO, Texas — Jeff Cunningham scored in the 20th minute to help FC Dallas beat the Houston Dynamo 1-0 on Thursday night.

Cunningham beat Houston's Geoff Cameron to a loose ball and dribbled past two defenders before firing a shot from outside of the penalty arc and into the right corner of the net. It was Cunningham's 113th MLS goal, leaving him one behind Chivas USA's Ante Razov for second place on the career list.

Dallas (6-9-5) won consecutive games for the first time this season, while Houston (10-6-5) missed an opportunity to extend its six-point lead atop the Western Conference.

Houston, which won the first two meetings between the clubs, played the final 20 minutes with 10 men after Brad Davis received a red card in the 73rd minute.

Dynamo captain Brian Ching left the game at halftime due to fatigue. Ching, the club's leading goal-scorer, was replaced by Kei Kamara.



## MLB briefs

# Twins acquire pitcher Pavano from Indians

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Craving help for their starting rotation, the Minnesota Twins have turned to Carl Pavano.

The Twins agreed Friday to send the Cleveland Indians a player to be identified later in exchange for Pavano, a one-time All-Star whose career derailed in New York during four injury-ridden seasons with the Yankees.

"He's certainly had a significant injury history over the last few years, but he has been healthy this year," Minnesota general manager Bill Smith said from Detroit, where the Twins were scheduled to play the first-place Tigers later Friday. "We've had good reports about him on and off the field, and we're hoping that he can provide some innings for us down the stretch."

The Twins began the day in third place in the AL Central, 4½ games behind the Tigers.

Francisco Liriano's starting spot has been in question after another poor performance on Wednesday that led to his 11th loss, tied for the most in the league. Pavano, given Torii Hunter's old number 48, was expected to join the team in Detroit. With an off day on Monday, the rotation for next week was not yet set.

After an All-Star, 18-victory season for Florida in 2004, the right-hander signed a four-year contract worth almost \$40 million with the Yankees.

He won nine games during the entire length of that deal, making only 26 starts.

Pavano was 9-8 with a 5.37 ERA in 21 starts for the Indians, giving up 150 hits and 23 walks with 88 strikeouts in 125-plus innings. In his most recent outing for Cleveland last Sunday, he gave up just one run in eight innings to beat Detroit.

## Fielder, Mota fined for their run-in

NEW YORK — Milwaukee Brewers star Prince Fielder and Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Guillermo Mota were fined Thursday for their run-in this week.

Major League Baseball will not suspend them. The amounts of the fines were not disclosed.

"My agent took care of it. He told me I got fined, but he didn't tell me how much it was," Mota said before the Dodgers opened a four-game series against Atlanta in Los Angeles. "I wasn't suspended. I got fined. So why do I have to talk about it? That was two days ago. That's in the past."



DAVID RICHARD/AP

**The Cleveland Indians traded pitcher Carl Pavano (9-8, 5.37 ERA) to the Minnesota Twins on Friday for a player to be named later.**

I'm just here to do my job."

Mota hit Fielder with a pitch in the ninth inning of the Dodgers' a 17-4 victory Tuesday night, presumably as payback for Milwaukee's Chris Smith grazing Manny Ramirez two innings earlier.

Afterward, Fielder charged across a hallway toward the Dodgers' clubhouse but was restrained by teammates and security. The teams played Wednesday night and there were no incidents.

"Last night he was like a raging bull. But nothing happened, so there's no reason to suspend him," Milwaukee teammate Ryan Braun said after the Brewers' 4-1 victory in the series finale.

"We kind of discussed the situation beforehand today, but we didn't really expect anything to happen," he said. "Prince handled it great. He's really able to stay within himself. He was obviously very emotional and fired up yesterday, but he settled down and stayed within himself today."

## Cards' Thompson suspended for throwing at Wright

NEW YORK — St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Brad Thompson was suspended for three games and fined on Thursday for throwing a pitch near the head of the New York Mets' David Wright.

Major League Baseball vice president Bob Watson said Thursday the pitch in the sixth inning a day earlier was intentionally aimed near Wright's head. It came one inning after the Mets' Nelson Figueroa hit Cardinals star Albert Pujols near his elbow, loading the bases.

The suspension had been set to start Friday, when the Cardinals play at Pittsburgh, but the players' association appealed and any penalty will be delayed until after the disciplinary process.

## Ortiz, players' union plan news conference

NEW YORK — Boston Red Sox star David Ortiz may soon provide more details about his 2003 drug test.

The Boston slugger and incoming players' union head Michael Weiner planned a news conference Saturday at Yankee Stadium before the Red Sox play New York.

Ortiz said last week that the union confirmed his name was on the list of 104 major leaguers who tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs in 2003. He's added no details since then.

"I'm going to let you guys know what I've got. Period," Ortiz said after the Yankees beat the Red Sox 13-6 on Thursday night.

Asked if the drug test distraction was getting into his head, he said: "Sometimes."

Red Sox owner John Henry said the team won't comment on the drug test until Ortiz has discussed it.

"I'm going to let David speak first," Henry said Thursday during an event in Boston. "As soon as he speaks, then we'll have something to say."

The list of players who tested positive in 2003 is now under court seal. The players' union does not plan a court challenge to get Ortiz's results unsealed, a

person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because it's a pending legal matter.

Weiner is the union's general counsel and No. 3 official. Union head Donald Fehr is planning to step down, and has recommended that Weiner take over.

## Struggling Jason Giambi released by A's

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jason Giambi was released by the Oakland Athletics on Friday, cutting short the struggling slugger's second stint with his first major league club.

The first baseman and designated hitter had returned to Oakland this season after seven years with the New York Yankees.

Giambi, 38, the 2000 AL MVP for the A's, has been on the disabled list since July 20 with a strained right quadriceps muscle. His legs have been bothering him for months, limiting his time in the field. The injuries, however, weren't considered career threatening.

A five-time AL All-Star, Giambi was batting just .193 — lowest in the majors when he went on the DL. He has 11 home runs and 40 RBIs in 83 games this season. When he was placed on the DL, general manager Billy Beane and manager Bob Geren said a break might help him.

A phone message left for Giambi's agent, Arn Tellem, wasn't immediately returned.

Beane re-signed Giambi in hopes he would ignite a dormant offense that in 2008 lacked punch. Instead, Giambi had a nine-game stretch in June during which he was 2-for-26 (.077). He hit .152 in June for the lowest average for a month in his 15-year career.

New York declined its \$22 million option on Giambi after last season, choosing to pay him a \$5 million buyout. That's how Giambi wound up back in Oakland, the team that drafted him in the second round in 1992 out of Long Beach State. He made his big league debut three years later.

## Padres extend Black's deal through 2010 season

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Padres night extended manager Bud Black's contract Thursday night through the 2010 season.

The Padres hold a club option for 2011. Terms of the deal were not announced.

"I'm excited, I'm flattered," Black said. "I'm excited to be part

of what's going on and where this organization is headed."

Black, hired in November 2006, is 196-238 with San Diego, including a 44-65 mark this season with a club that is last in the NL West.

"Watching the way he's dealt with this young club right now, I think he's done a very nice job," San Diego general manager Kevin Towers said. "I personally think he's managed this year better than the prior two years. I think he's done a very nice job of working with what he's had to work with this year."

Black was the pitching coach for the Los Angeles Angels for seven seasons before taking over the two-time defending NL West champs in 2007.

The Padres lost in a one-game playoff to Colorado in Black's first season and failed to make the playoffs with an 89-74 record. San Diego fell to 63-99 last season.

## Brewers acquire RHP Colome, designate LHP Swindle

HOUSTON — The Milwaukee Brewers purchased the contract of right-handed reliever Jesus Colome from Triple-A Nashville on Friday and designated left-hander R.J. Swindle for assignment.

The Brewers acquired Colome, 31, after he was designated for assignment by Washington on July 4. Colome was 1-1 with an 8.40 ERA in 16 games for the Nationals and 1-0 with two saves and no runs allowed in four games with Nashville.

Swindle had a 16.20 ERA in six appearances for Milwaukee. He gave up five runs and four hits in one inning in Tuesday's 17-4 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

## Astros activate Erstad, place Brocail on DL

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros activated Darin Erstad and placed right-handed reliever Doug Brocail on the 15-day disabled list on Friday with a right shoulder strain.

Erstad, 35, was in the starting lineup for Friday night's game against Milwaukee, the opener of a three-game set.

Erstad had been on the disabled list since July 19 with a left hamstring strain. He tested the injury in two games with Double-A Corpus Christi earlier this week.

Brocail, 42, is on the DL for the second time this season. He was out from May 4 to July 29 with a left hamstring strain. He made three relief appearances since, allowing two runs and five hits in 2⅓ innings.

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TEAM BATTING						
	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Los Angeles	3679	605	1062	118	575	.289
New York	3748	607	1045	156	580	.279
Toronto	3790	519	1020	124	499	.269
Baltimore	3734	500	1002	108	475	.268
Tampa Bay	3686	564	983	136	535	.267
Boston	3667	560	974	129	534	.266
Minnesota	3715	523	990	118	488	.266
Cleveland	3725	553	985	119	520	.264
Seattle	3689	425	968	99	408	.262
Chicago	3658	508	958	132	490	.262
Detroit	3607	495	930	121	477	.258
Texas	3643	512	926	163	486	.254
Kansas City	3658	425	920	90	407	.252
Oakland	3703	485	934	86	464	.252

INDIVIDUAL BATTING						
	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
ISuzuki Sea	441	64	161	7	28	.365
Mauer Min	316	61	113	18	60	.358
Bartlett TB	311	54	105	9	49	.338
McCabrer Det	403	59	133	21	62	.330
Myoung Tex	418	61	136	18	50	.325
BABreu LAA	373	66	120	9	77	.322
Rolen Tor	338	52	108	8	43	.320
Jeter NYY	430	70	136	11	45	.316
Crawford TB	427	71	134	12	52	.314
JRivera LAA	338	45	106	18	61	.314
Pierzynski CWS	335	40	105	11	31	.313
Eaybar LAA	315	47	98	4	41	.311
Youkilis Bos	335	70	104	20	66	.310
Cano NYY	430	73	133	16	57	.309
ACabrera Cle	338	58	104	5	45	.308
Pedroia Bos	425	80	130	8	48	.306
Figgins LAA	413	87	126	3	36	.305
Morneau Min	408	73	124	28	89	.304
Kubel Min	334	45	101	25	55	.302
Lind Tor	408	62	123	23	72	.301
AdJones Bal	400	70	120	19	64	.300
Podsednik CWS	337	50	101	4	33	.300
Ellsbury Bos	411	60	123	6	36	.299
Markakis Bal	433	65	129	13	76	.298
Lowell Bos	315	36	94	11	54	.298
Scutaro Tor	421	77	125	9	47	.297
Callaspo KC	378	53	112	7	42	.296
Choo Cle	390	62	115	13	61	.295
Butler KC	398	47	117	13	54	.294
FGutierrez Sea	437	47	102	12	46	.294
KMorales LAA	369	53	108	23	71	.293
Zobrist TB	317	63	93	19	56	.293
VMartinez Bos	401	60	117	16	73	.292
OCabrera Min	434	45	126	5	44	.290
AHill Tor	463	66	134	26	76	.289
Teixeira NYY	413	67	119	28	81	.288
Konerko CWS	385	50	111	21	70	.288
Damon NYY	383	78	110	20	64	.287
Holliday Oak	346	52	99	11	42	.286
Kennedy Oak	325	40	93	9	43	.286
McCabrera NYY	311	45	89	11	43	.286
Span Min	366	59	104	6	38	.284
BRoberts Bal	431	81	122	9	46	.283
Teahan KC	383	51	108	9	39	.282
KSuzuki Oak	386	46	108	8	50	.280
Byrd Tex	364	54	111	13	80	.280
JOopez Sea	392	45	109	15	65	.278
Dye CWS	368	64	101	24	67	.274
ALRamirez CWS	363	49	99	11	47	.273
Longoria TB	382	60	104	23	81	.272
Cuddyer Min	371	60	101	17	53	.272
JHerrera Cle	388	57	103	9	27	.271
NCR	342	56	92	25	58	.269
RSweeney Oak	317	33	85	3	27	.268
Polanco Det	397	50	105	7	50	.264
Ordonez Det	314	38	83	6	34	.264
BHarris Min	313	34	82	5	28	.262
Rios Tor	426	50	111	12	58	.261
HMatsui NYY	292	42	82	2	26	.261
ARodriguez NYY	276	47	72	19	60	.261
Branyan Sea	350	54	91	24	61	.260
DeJesus KC	395	45	102	8	49	.258
Granderson Det	417	63	107	22	52	.257
Wells Tor	422	58	108	10	42	.256
AHuff Bal	399	55	102	6	46	.256
Inge Det	364	57	93	22	61	.255
Thome CWS	280	49	71	20	66	.254
Bay Bos	361	67	91	21	75	.252
JDrew Bos	316	59	79	12	43	.250
BFrancisco Cle	308	48	77	10	33	.250
Swisher NYY	323	54	80	18	55	.248
Black Tor	329	48	83	21	34	.248
BUpston TB	410	64	100	7	36	.244
Kinsler Tex	396	71	96	23	63	.242
Sizemore Cle	339	54	79	15	56	.233
Cust Oak	362	58	84	16	50	.232
DOrtiz Bos	361	42	80	15	61	.222
CPena TB	377	59	81	27	71	.215

TEAM PITCHING						
	ERA	H	ER	BB	SO	Sh Sv
Seattle	3.97	907	425	369	696	6 34
Detroit	4.08	928	430	390	751	7 25
Tampa Bay	4.11	942	438	345	736	3 29
Chicago	4.14	939	441	361	762	7 25
Toronto	4.17	953	449	360	783	6 26
Texas	4.20	948	446	351	831	6 32
Boston	4.21	982	447	344	818	7 30
Oakland	4.46	996	480	376	745	5 25
New York	4.48	939	480	388	815	4 35
Minnesota	4.63	1018	496	308	671	2 29
Kansas City	4.64	989	489	374	772	6 21
Los Angeles	4.76	998	490	374	847	3 32
Baltimore	5.01	1063	530	356	627	2 22
Cleveland	5.12	1037	546	396	667	4 19

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING						
	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L
Greinke KC	152	143	31	162	10	7
EJackson Det	148	118	47	117	8	5
Halladay Tor	157	149	20	131	11	7
FHernandez Sea	152	134	43	141	12	4
Washburn Det	138	115	35	81	8	7
CLee Cle	152	165	33	107	7	9
Beckett Bos	143	125	39	132	13	4
Verlander Det	153	136	44	180	12	5
Millwood Tex	138	131	45	88	9	7
Bergesen Bal	123	126	32	55	7	5
RRomero Tor	110	109	42	87	10	4
Bannister KC	123	119	39	79	7	3
Niemann TB	114	111	39	72	10	5
Garza TB	144	117	55	127	7	8
ChamberlainNYY	116	111	57	102	8	3
JS Shields TB	154	162	37	105	9	7
JerWeaver LAA	142	125	46	126	11	3
Lester Bos	140	135	46	158	9	7
Blackburn Min	145	167	32	60	8	7
Buehrle CWS	145	139	28	79	11	5
Braden Oak	137	144	42	81	8	9
ABurnett NYY	132	119	65	116	5	8
GFloyd CWS	140	129	58	122	9	7
Feldman Tex	120	107	38	58	10	4
Sabatthia NYY	155	143	43	114	11	7
BAnderson Oak	116	116	34	93	6	8
Danks CWS	126	119	49	105	9	8
Porcello Det	111	118	38	56	10	7
Wakefield Bos	109	113	37	61	11	3



KATHY WILLENS/AP

Arizona Diamondbacks third baseman Mark Reynolds has catapulted into the midst of the major league home run race. Reynolds has hit a big league-best 12 homers since July 1 to increase his total to 33, only three shy of season-long leader Albert Pujols of St. Louis.

Pettitte NYY	134	141	51	99	9	6	4.35
Meche KC	108	113	49	87	4	9	4.50
SBaker Min	127	122	27	106	9	7	4.59
VPadilla Tex	135	149	50	72	9	6	4.92
JSaunders LAA	135	149	50	72	9	6	4.92
Taliet Tor	114	108	55	84	5	6	5.07
Cahill Oak	126	138	55	64	6	11	5.13
Penny Bos	116	136	56	77	7	6	5.20
Galaraga Det	119	128	50	76	5	10	5.28
Guthrie Bal	120	136	42	76	7	11	5.28
Pavano Cle	126	150	23	88	9	8	5.37
Liriano Min	118	127	55	106	4	11	5.63

National League

TEAM BATTING						
	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Los Angeles	3801	544	1061	91	517	.279
New York	3624	470	975	67	444	.269
Houston	3659	445	978	90	425	.267
Washington	3714	496	989	105	480	.266
Atlanta	3719	478	989	95	459	.266
San Francisco	3653	437	954	69	410	.261
Philadelphia	3673	560	955	148	537	.260
Florida	3715	493	961	107	456	.259
Colorado	3583	529	920	122	503	.257
Milwaukee	3627	504	933	119	488	.257
St. Louis	3680	485	943	114	463	.256
Pittsburgh	3649	447	935	83	433	.256
Arizona	3765	496	954	120	469	.253
Chicago	3637	469	914	120	449	.251
Cincinnati	3585	423	863	105	398	.241
San Diego	3676	412	827	100	395	.236

INDIVIDUAL BATTING							
	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg	
HaRamirez Fla	378	64	130	16	70	.344	
Sandoval SF	386	49	129	17	67	.334	
DWright NYY	399	70	130	8	54	.326	
Pujols STL	377	85	122	36	97	.324	
Tejada Hou	435	54	140	9	63	.322	
Braun Mil	411	77	131	22	76	.319	
Kemp LAD	401	63	128	15	69	.319	
Heltton Col	372	54	117	11	61	.315	
CGuzman Was	379	56	119	5	39	.314	
Porinorio Phi	418	74	131	8	49	.313	
Cal Lee Hou	403	45	126	18	56	.313	
Wagner Col	346	62	107	17	63	.309	
YEscobar Atl	348	51	106	11	58	.305	
Morgan Was	404	62	123	3	35	.304	
IBanez Phi	326	64	99	26	75	.304	
Lopez Mil	407	52	123	6	30	.302	
Fieldier Mil	388	67	117	26	95	.302	
Upton Ari	392	68	118	20	66	.301	
ZimmermanWas	420	61	126	23	74	.300	
FSanchez SF	373	49	112	7	37	.300	
Utley Phi	381	78	114	23	71	.299	
NJohnson Fla	370	50	110	6	47	.297	
LCastillo NYY	310	57	92	0	27	.297	
Pence Hou	396	45	116	14	45	.293	
Clayton Ari	334	56	118	7	68	.289	
Counsell Mil	294	53	86	6	25	.293	
Hudson LAD	414	62	121	7	53	.292	
Theriot CHC	406	57	118	7	43	.291	
Schumaker STL	371	58	108	3	26	.291	
DLee CHC	358	55	104	22	72	.291	
McCann Atl	314	38	91	12	55	.290	
Loney LAD	409	51	118	7	68	.289	
PFeliz Phi	380	44	109	7	54	.287	
Blake Jax	362	59	104	12	61	.287	
Adrian LAD	380	44	115	4	57	.286	
Reynolds Ari	401	72	114	33	76	.284	
Cantu Fla	380	40	107	11	60	.282	
Y Molina STL	340	32	96	5	36	.282	
Dunn Was	374	55	105	29	81	.281	
Barnes Col	375	53	92	14	52	.245	
Taveras Cin	355	48	86	1	14	.242	
Ugglu Fla	370	51	87	20	57	.235	
Fotnenot CHc	302	30	70	9	35	.232	
Kendall Mil	319	31	73	0	26	.229	
Hartung Ari	358	45	81	11	45	.226	
Brace Cin	62	18	18	1	20	.278	
Cyoung Ari	307	35	60	7	28	.195	
TEAM PITCHING							
	ERA	H	ER	B	SO	SV	
San Francisco	3.47	849	370	735	854	15	28
Los Angeles	3.60	854	397	413	831	7	30
Chicago	3.77	867	401	411	820	37	32
Atlanta	3.78	928	409	369	802	7	25
St Louis	3.79	851	400	375	811	11	28
Arizona	4.21	987	462	356	785	10	25
Colorado	4.21	962	447	322	717	6	30
Florida	4.27	953	459	397	809	4	25
New York	4.30	969	458	425	933	9	28
Philadelphia	4.33	975	462	344	757	6	27
Pittsburgh	4.38	978	463	387	608	6	22
Houston	4.38	978	463	387	608	6	22
Cincinnati	4.44	956	475	405	718	10	24
San Diego	4.64	976	508	394	800	2	28
Milwaukee	4.82	974	509	410	741	7	31
Washington	5.05	1049	536	411	603	2	29
INDIVIDUAL PITCHING							
	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	
CCapernter STL	116	92	18	83	10	3	
Lincecum SF	115	91	19	91	11	3	
Cain SF	148	118	54	117	12	3	
Haren Ari	155	113	23	149	11	6	
Rodriguez Hou	137	122	44	128	10	6	
Happ Phi	115	92	37	86	8	2	
Wainwright STL	158	150	53	140	12	7	
Jurrjens Atl	139	123	50	98	9	8	
Kershaw LAD	142	128	36	123	10	6	
Jo Johnson Fla	148	128	36	123	10	6	
VJazquez Atl	147	124	30	164	9	7	
JSantana NYM	145	133	43	134	12	8	
Pineiro STL	141	142	15	61	9	9	



## MLB scoreboard

## American League

	East Division			
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	66	42	.611	—
Boston	62	45	.579	3½
Tampa Bay	60	48	.556	6
Toronto	51	56	.477	14½
Baltimore	45	63	.417	21
Central Division				
Detroit	57	50	.533	—
Chicago	56	53	.514	2
Minnesota	53	55	.491	4½
Cleveland	46	62	.426	11½
Kansas City	42	66	.389	15½
West Division				
Los Angeles	64	42	.604	—
Texas	60	47	.561	4½
Seattle	56	52	.519	9
Oakland	47	61	.435	18

## Wednesday's games

Detroit 4, Baltimore 2  
Cleveland 8, Minnesota 1  
N.Y. Yankees 8, Toronto 4  
Tampa Bay 6, Boston 4  
Seattle 11, Kansas City 6  
Chicago White Sox 6, L.A. Angels 2  
Oakland 7, Texas 5

## Thursday's games

Cleveland 2, Minnesota 1  
Detroit 7, Baltimore 3  
L.A. Angels 9, Chicago White Sox 5  
Texas 6, Oakland 4  
N.Y. Yankees 13, Boston 6  
Kansas City 8, Seattle 2

## Friday's games

Boston at N.Y. Yankees  
Minnesota at Detroit  
Baltimore at Toronto  
Oakland at Kansas City  
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox  
Texas at L.A. Angels  
Tampa Bay at Seattle

## Saturday's games

Baltimore (Tillman 0-0) at Toronto (Cecil 5-1)  
Boston (Buchholz 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 11-7)  
Texas (Millwood 9-7) at L.A. Angels (Jer Weaver 11-3)  
Cleveland (Pavano 9-8) at Chicago White Sox (Udecided)  
Minnesota (Perkins 6-7) at Detroit (Verlander 12-5)  
Oakland (Bre Anderson 6-8) at Kansas City (Greinke 10-7)  
Tampa Bay (J.Shields 6-8) at Seattle (Snell 2-8)

## Sunday's games

Minnesota at Detroit  
Baltimore at Toronto  
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox  
Oakland at Kansas City  
Texas at L.A. Angels  
Tampa Bay at Seattle  
Boston at N.Y. Yankees

Thursday  
Indians 2, Twins 1

Minnesota					Cleveland				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Span cf-1f	4	0	0		Sizemr cf	4	0	1	0
OCarer ss	3	0	2	0	ACarer ss	4	1	2	0
Mauer dh	4	0	1	0	Choo rf	4	0	2	0
Moreno 1b	3	0	0	0	JhPerit 3b	3	0	0	1
Kubel lf	4	0	0	0	Hafner dh	3	2	2	0
Gomez pr-cf	0	0	0	0	Gimenez 1b	2	0	0	0
Cuddyr rf	3	1	2	0	Valenz 2b	2	0	0	0
Crede 3b	4	0	1	0	Crowe lf	3	0	1	1
Rdmnd c	4	0	0	0	Toregs c	3	0	0	0
ACasill 2b	3	0	0	0					
BHarrs ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	33	1	7	0	Totals	28	2	8	2
Minnesota					Cleveland				
IP	H	R	ER	BB	IP	H	R	ER	BB
DP—Minnesota 2, LOB—Minnesota 9					DP—Minnesota 2, LOB—Minnesota 9				
9. Cleveland 5, 2B—Cuddyr (22), Crede (15), A.Cabrera (27), Crowder (6), SB—Cuddyr (5), A.Cabrera (12), S—O.Cabrera, SF—Jh.Peralta.					9. Cleveland 5, 2B—Cuddyr (22), Crede (15), A.Cabrera (27), Crowder (6), SB—Cuddyr (5), A.Cabrera (12), S—O.Cabrera, SF—Jh.Peralta.				

## Tigers 7, Orioles 3

Baltimore					Detroit				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
BRorts 2b	5	1	1	0	GRnds cf	3	2	2	2
Reimld lf	3	1	1	0	Polanc 2b	5	0	2	1
Markks rf	3	0	0	0	Thoms lf-rf	3	0	1	1
A.Huff 1b	4	0	1	1	McCar 1b	4	0	0	0
Wgntn 3b	4	1	2	1	CGuill dh	4	0	0	0
Scott dh	3	0	0	0	Ordonz rf	4	1	2	0
Wieters c	4	0	1	0	Raburn lf	1	0	0	0
Pie cf	4	0	1	1	Inge 3b	4	2	2	2
Andino ss	3	0	0	0	Avila c	4	1	2	1
Totals	33	3	7	3	Totals	37	7	13	7
Baltimore					Detroit				
IP	H	R	ER	BB	IP	H	R	ER	BB
DP—Detroit 1, LOB—Baltimore 7, Detroit 11. 2B—Wigginton (14), Wieters (7), Granderson (12), Thomas (9), Avila (2), 3B—Santiago (2), HR—Inge (22).					DP—Detroit 1, LOB—Baltimore 7, Detroit 11. 2B—Wigginton (14), Wieters (7), Granderson (12), Thomas (9), Avila (2), 3B—Santiago (2), HR—Inge (22).				

## Royals 8, Mariners 2

Seattle					Kansas City				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
ISuzuki rf	5	0	2	0	DeJes lf	3	0	0	0
Branny 1b	4	0	0	0	Blmst 2b	4	1	0	0
JoLopez 2b	4	0	0	0	Butler dh	3	2	2	1
MSwny dh	4	1	1	1	B.Pena c	4	2	2	0
BtRe 3b	4	1	4	0	Callasp 2b	4	2	1	1
FtRzrf cf	4	0	1	0	Teahen 1b	5	1	3	1
JaWlms ss	3	0	0	1	Maier cf	3	0	0	1
RJhnsn c	4	0	2	0	BTncr ss	4	0	1	0
MSndrs lf	4	0	2	0	Andrs rf	4	0	1	0
Totals	36	2	12	2	Totals	30	2	8	2
Seattle					Kansas City				
IP	H	R	ER	BB	IP	H	R	ER	BB
DP—Seattle 1, LOB—Seattle 9, Kansas City 4. 2B—R. Johnson (16), B.Pena (6), Teahen (27), Y.Betancourt (12), HR—M.Sweeney (4), Butler (13), SB—Maier (5), CS—I.Suzuki (7), J.Anderson (3), SF—A.Wilson.					DP—Seattle 1, LOB—Seattle 9, Kansas City 4. 2B—R. Johnson (16), B.Pena (6), Teahen (27), Y.Betancourt (12), HR—M.Sweeney (4), Butler (13), SB—Maier (5), CS—I.Suzuki (7), J.Anderson (3), SF—A.Wilson.				

## Phillies 3, Rockies 1

Colorado					Philadelphia				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Fowler cf	4	1	2	0	Rollins ss	4	2	3	0
S.Smith lf	4	0	2	0	Victorn cf	4	0	0	1
Helton 1b	3	0	1	0	Utley 2b	3	0	1	1
Twitzk ss	4	0	1	0	Howard 1b	4	0	0	0
GATKns 3b	4	0	0	0	Ibanez lf	3	0	1	0
Spilgrhs rf	4	0	1	0	Perth rf	3	0	0	0
Jannett c	4	0	0	0	P.Feliz 3b	3	0	0	0
Barnes 2b	3	0	0	0	Bako c	3	1	2	1
Hawpe ph	1	0	1	0	CLLee p	2	0	0	0
Cook p	2	0	0	0	BFrcns ph	0	0	0	0
Daley p	0	0	0	0	Madsn ph	0	0	0	0
CGnzlf ph	0	0	0	0	Lidge p	0	0	0	0
FMoris p	0	0	0	0					
Stewart ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	34	1	8	1	Totals	29	3	7	3
Colorado					Philadelphia				
IP	H	R	ER	BB	IP	H	R	ER	BB
DP—Colorado 1, LOB—Colorado 8, Philadelphia 4. 2B—Fowler (24), Rollins (28), 3B—Rollins (3), HR—Bako (1), SF—Helton, Utley.					DP—Colorado 1, LOB—Colorado 8, Philadelphia 4. 2B—Fowler (24), Rollins (28), 3B—Rollins (3), HR—Bako (1), SF—Helton, Utley.				

## Dodgers 5, Braves 4

Atlanta					Los Angeles				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
McLoth cf	4	0	1	0	Furcal ss	5	1	2	0
Prado 2b	5	0	0	0	Ethier rf	5	2	2	3
C.Jones 3b	4	1	3	1	MRmrz lf	4	0	2	1
McCnn c	5	0	0	0	Blake 3b	3	0	0	0
YEScor ss	3	1	1	0	Loney 1b	3	0	0	0
GAndrs lf	4	1	1	0	RMartn c	4	0	1	0
M.Diaz rf	4	1	3	1	Hudson 2b	3	1	1	0
Church rf	0	0	0	0	Wolf p	1	0	1	0
AdLRc 1b	3	0	2	1	Loretta ph	1	0	1	0
D.Lowe p	2	0	0	0	Kuo p	0	0	0	0
OFhrt p	0	0	0	0	Kemp ph	1	0	0	0
Moylan p	1	0	0	0	Mota p	0	0	0	0
RSorin p	0	0	0	0	Elbert p	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	4	10	4	Totals	33	1	5	1
Atlanta					Los Angeles				
IP	H	R	ER	BB	IP	H	R	ER	BB
DP—Atlanta 1, Los Angeles 1. LOB—Atlanta 9, Los Angeles 9. 2B—C.Jones (19), Y.Escobar (21), M.Diaz (11), Blake (24), 3B—Ethier (2), HR—C.Jones (14), Ethier (23), SB—C.Jones (3), M.Diaz (6), Blake (3), Wolf (1), S—D.Lowe, Wolf, SF—Pierre.					DP—Atlanta 1, Los Angeles 1. LOB—Atlanta 9, Los Angeles 9. 2B—C.Jones (19), Y.Escobar (21), M.Diaz (11), Blake (24), 3B—Ethier (2), HR—C.Jones (14), Ethier (23), SB—C.Jones (3), M.Diaz (6), Blake (3), Wolf (1), S—D.Lowe, Wolf, SF—Pierre.				

## Angels 9, White Sox 5

Los Angeles					Chicago				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Figgins 3b	4	1	0	0	Pdsdnk cf	3	0	0	0
EYar ss	4	2	3	2	Wise ph	1	1	1	1
BAreu rf	4	2	1	1	Bckhm 3b	3	1	0	0
Guerr dh	4	2	1	1	Dye rf	5	0	0	0
River lf	4	0	2	1	Thome dh	0	0	0	0
KMorls 1b	4	0	1	0	Konerk 1b	2	1	0	0
HKndrc 2b	4	1	1	0	Kotsay lf	3	1	1	1
Mthwsj cf	3	0	0	0	J.Nix ss	3	1	1	3
JMaths c	4	1	2	2	Getz 2b	4	0	2	0
Totals	35	9	11	8	Totals	32	5	6	5
Los Angeles					Chicago				
IP	H	R	ER	BB	IP	H	R	ER	BB
DP—Los Angeles 5, Chicago 7. 2B—J.Rivera (17), Kotsay (3), HR—E.Aybar (4), B.Abreu (9), Guerrero (5), J.Mathis (5), Wise (2), J.Nix (8), SB—Figgins 2 (33), E.Aybar (9), B.Abreu (23), Podsednik (17), Getz (18), CS—E.Aybar (4), Matthews Jr. (1), J.Mathis (2), Getz (2), SF—E.Aybar.					DP—Los Angeles 5, Chicago 7. 2B—J.Rivera (17), Kotsay (3), HR—E.Aybar (4), B.Abreu (9), Guerrero (5), J.Mathis (5), Wise (2), J.Nix (8), SB—Figgins 2 (33), E.Aybar (9), B.Abreu (23), Podsednik (17), Getz (18), CS—E.Aybar (4), Matthews Jr. (1), J.Mathis (2), Getz (2), SF—E.Aybar.				

## Rangers 6, Athletics 4

Texas					Oakland				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Germn 2b	4	2	0	0	Kenndy 3b	3	1	0	0
MYong 3b	5	1	2	2	RDavis cf	4	0	1	1
DvMrp lf	5	1	2	1	Cust rf	3	1	0	0
Anjons dh	4	1	2	1	Grprr dh	4	1	1	1
Hamln rf	3	0	1	0	Evedrg 1b	4	1	0	0
Byrd cf	3	0	1	1	RSwny lf	4	1	0	0
Blalock 1b	4	1	1	0	Hairstrn ph	0	0	1	1
Stlmch c	0	0	0	0	Powell c	3	0	0	0
Tegrdn ph-c	3	0	0	0	KSuzuk ph	0	0	0	0
Vizquel ss	4	0	1	0	M.Ellis 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	35	6	10	6	Totals	32	4	3	3
Texas					Oakland				
IP	H	R	ER	BB	IP	H	R	ER	BB
DP—Texas 1, LOB—Texas 6, Oakland 4. 2B—Dav.Murphy (12), An.Jones (15), R.Davis (9), Garciaparra (6), Hairston (4), H.M.Yong (18), Blalock (21), SB—Hamilton (6), Kennedy (12), SF—Byrd.					DP—Texas 1, LOB—Texas 6, Oakland 4. 2B—Dav.Murphy (12), An.Jones (15), R.Davis (9), Garciaparra (6), Hairston (4), H.M.Yong (18), Blalock (21), SB—Hamilton (6), Kennedy (12), SF—Byrd.				

## Yankees 13, Red Sox 6

Boston					New York				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Ellsury cf	6	0	1	1	Jeter ss	5	0	1	1
Pedroia 2b	4	1	3	2	Damon lf	5	3	3	1



## AL roundup

# Bronx bombs away!

## Yanks play longball, rout Red Sox in series opener

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jorge Posada and the New York Yankees put on a powerful show to finally beat the Boston Red Sox.

Muhammad Ali and a starry crowd watched as the Yankees beat Boston for the first time in nine games this season, with Posada and Melky Cabrera hitting three-run homers in New York's 13-6 victory on Thursday night.

"We are playing a lot better than we started playing at the beginning," Posada said. "We are pitching better and we're doing a lot of things well on the mound and at the plate. Hopefully we can carry on and do what we did today."

Posada had three hits and three RBIs, and Johnny Damon and Mark Teixeira also connected for New York, which ended a nine-game skid against Boston dating to last season. It was the Yankees' longest drought in one of baseball's most heated rivalries since losing 17 straight in 1911-12.

John Smoltz turned in a performance that put his future with Boston in question. Smoltz (2-5) was tagged for eight runs and nine hits in 3 1/3 innings, sending his ERA to 8.33 after eight starts. It was the most runs he's allowed in three years.

"I'm not doing it right now," he said. "I'm a big enough man to stand up here and say I'm not doing it. Time may not be on my side if this continues. I've been here before, but not like this."



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

**Boston's John Smoltz is taken out of the game by manager Terry Francona during the fourth inning on Thursday night.**

Red Sox manager Terry Francona said it was too early to come to any conclusions.

"I thought that he threw the ball well over the first couple of innings, but then they started taking some pretty healthy swings on him," Francona said. "That's an unforgiving lineup in an unforgiving ballpark."

Casey Kotchman hit a two-run homer in his first start for Boston and Dustin Pedroia also went deep. David Ortiz was 0-for-5 and was booed in his first game at

Yankee Stadium since his name was reported to be one of 104 major leaguers who tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs in 2003.

Despite issuing a career-high seven walks, Joba Chamberlain (8-2) lasted five innings to win his fourth consecutive start. AL East-leading New York increased its lead over Boston to 3 1/2 games.

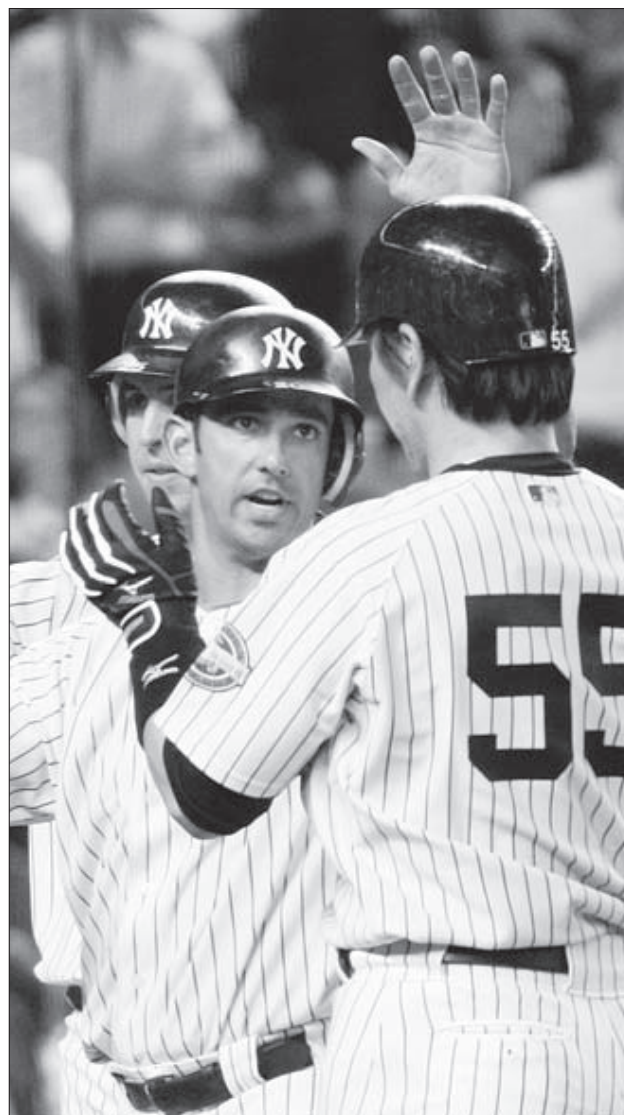
**Royals 8, Mariners 2:** At Kansas City, Mo., Bruce Chen won in the major leagues for the first time since 2005 and Billy Butler hit a two-run homer during host Kansas City's five-run first. Chen, who had lost his past 13 decisions, earned his first victory since Oct. 2, 2005, while with Baltimore. Chen (1-6) held the Mariners to two runs, despite giving up 10 hits and a walk in 6 2/3 innings, matching his longest outing this season.

Mariners left-hander Jason Vargas (3-6) lost his fourth straight decision.

**Rangers 6, Athletics 4:** At Oakland, Calif., Michael Young hit his 18th homer and Tommy Hunter went seven innings as the Rangers avoided a four-game sweep. Hank Blalock added his 21st homer, and David Murphy and Andruw Jones each drove in runs for the Rangers.

Hunter (4-2) gave up three runs and three hits with two walks.

Oakland starter Trevor Cahill (6-11) allowed five runs and eight hits in six innings.



KATHY WILLENS/AP

**New York's Jorge Posada, center, Hideki Matsui (55) and Mark Teixeira, left, meet at home plate to celebrate Posada's three-run homer in the fourth inning of Thursday night's game against the Boston Red Sox. The Yankees beat the Red Sox 13-6.**

## NL roundup

# With Ethier at bat, Dodgers win in a walkoff

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Comeback victories have become commonplace this season for the stubborn Los Angeles Dodgers, especially the walkoff kind. And unlike that team down the freeway in Anaheim, they don't need the Rally Monkey when things get tight.

They just need Andre Ethier at the plate.

On Thursday night, Ethier hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth off Atlanta closer Rafael Soriano to give the Dodgers a 5-4 victory over the Braves. It was his fifth game-winning hit this season and the Dodgers' 11th walkoff victory.

"They never get old," Ethier said. "It's always jaw-dropping once you see it either land or go over the fence."

Ethier, who leads the Dodgers with 23 homers and 72 RBIs, has eight game-ending hits since the start of the 2008 season, tops in the majors.

"He's been incredible in that sit-

uation," said manager Joe Torre, whose team was in danger of its eighth loss in 12 games. "This kid hasn't really played a lot of major league baseball. And to just have that kind of calm in those situations is pretty special."

Peter Moylan struck out pinch-hitter Matt Kemp with runners at second and third to end the Dodgers' eighth and rookie Scott Elbert (2-0) pitched a hitless ninth for Los Angeles before Soriano (1-3) gave up his third homer of the season in 50 innings.

"He has three pitches," Ethier said. "You can for the most part cross a few out in that situation just knowing the count. And if he does throw it, you take your chance in that situation, swinging. And that's what I went there and did and looked for the right pitch in that spot and went and got it."

Soriano has blown three of 19 save opportunities, including a 4-3 loss at Florida on July 28, when he surrendered a two-run homer to pinch-hitter Ross Gload.

"No one feels any worse than Soriano," Braves starter Derek Lowe said. "Any time something happens where your team ends up walking off the field like that, you feel the worst. But there were eight other innings before that. I knew, having played here, that they're extremely good at home."

"I don't know how many comeback wins they have — especially late — but it seems like they do it quite often. They're never out of it, and they have the best record for a reason."

Juan Pierre led off the ninth with an infield dribbler that third baseman Chipper Jones couldn't make a play on. Rafael Furcal's hit-and-run single sent Pierre to third, and Ethier drove a 2-0 pitch to right field for his third game-winning homer of the season.

It gave the Dodgers their 29th come-from-behind victory to improve the best record in the majors to 67-42.

"The thing that's been satisfying to me is that these guys go out there and bust it every night,"

Torre said. "They play every inning and keep coming back at people. So with that part of the batting order coming up in the ninth inning, all we had to do was get the tying run to the plate and we had a chance."

"Soriano fell behind him 2-0, and he knows that Manny (Ramirez) is behind Ethier. So it's that old rock and a hard place, and he has to throw a strike."

Lowe threw enough strikes over 6 1/3 innings against his former team to depart with a 3-2 lead. The right-hander, who signed a four-year, \$60 million contract with the Braves in January, faced the Dodgers for the second time in six days. He beat Randy Wolf 4-3 in Atlanta.

Wolf went seven innings in the rematch, allowing four runs and nine hits, including Jones' 14th homer, the 422nd of his career.

"D-Lowe pitched a great game, but so did Wolf and we found a way to get it done," Ethier said.

**Diamondbacks 11, Pirates 6**

**(12):** Alex Romero's two-run double highlighted a five-run 12th as the visiting Diamondbacks won their fifth straight. Romero's fourth hit was a double off Steven Jackson (2-2) with the bases loaded and one out in the 12th.

Mark Reynolds, Stephen Drew and Trent Oeltjen, in his big-league debut, homered and Parra had four hits for Arizona, which trailed 6-3 after six innings.

Jon Rauch (2-0) worked out of a two-on, no-out jam in the 11th.

**Padres 8, Mets 3:** Adrian Gonzalez hit a two-run homer during host San Diego's four-run third inning and drove in three runs.

Gonzalez's 29th home run and his sacrifice fly in the first helped San Diego build a 7-0 lead on the way to beating the Mets for the 10th time in 13 games and for the sixth straight time at home.

Rookie Clayton Richard (1-0) had his first big league RBI.

Livan Hernandez (7-6) allowed seven runs and eight hits in five innings as New York lost for the sixth time in eight games.



## SPORTS



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## PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION: AUG. 8

Bruce Smith shed 35 pounds after his rookie season, then started shedding linemen to get to the quarterback. When he retired, he was the NFL's career sacks leader.

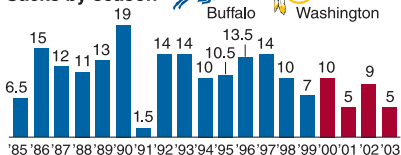
### Mr. Smith goes to Canton

Bruce Smith, considered one of the most dominant defensive players in NFL history, will be enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday.

#### Career sack leaders

1. Smith 200	3. Kevin Greene 160
2. Reggie White 198	4. Chris Doleman 150.5
5. Michael Strahan 141.5	

#### Sacks by season



SOURCE: National Football League

AP

BY JOHN WAWROW  
The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y.

Bruce Smith looked in the mirror and saw too much Bruce Smith staring back.

Bloated and weighing more than 300 pounds, Smith had just finished his rookie NFL season in 1985. He was able to manhandle hulking offensive linemen 50 or more pounds heavier than he was, but he didn't resemble the dominant college player the Buffalo Bills had drafted No. 1 overall.

This wouldn't do. The pro career Smith envisioned wasn't going to be derailed by a diet of Doritos.

"I wouldn't say there was fear. I would say there was an extreme amount of pressure," Smith said, recalling a key turning point. "When I ballooned up to 310 pounds, I quickly realized I wasn't going to become the player that I wanted to be."

Everyone knows what followed: Smith dropped the chips — and 35 pounds.

Trimming his 6-foot-4 frame to a lean 275, Smith went on to become the NFL's sacks leader over a 19-year career that will be honored this weekend, when he is inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

"I made some adjustments," Smith said. "That's when I got it, and when you get it, that's when special things happen."

Smith's 200 sacks are two more than the the mark held by the late Reggie White.

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Bruce Smith's best season was 1990, when he had 101 tackles, 19 sacks, four forced fumbles and received his first NFL defensive player of the year honor.

KEVIN HIGLEY/AP